

Bureau of Land Management Direct Customer Survey Results

- Respondent Profiles
- Customer Satisfaction Ratings
- Directions for Implementation

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Introduction

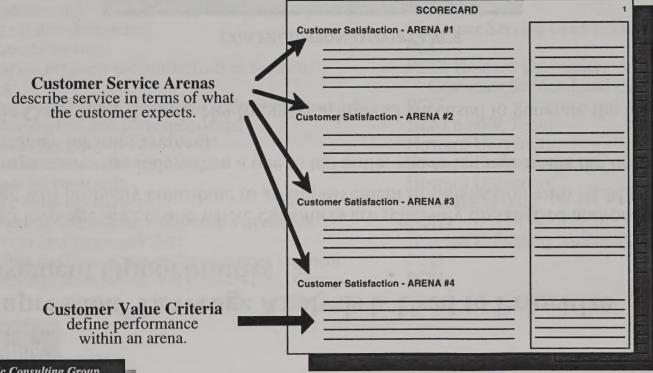
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The Project Has Three Main Objectives

- Identify those aspects of the external customer experience that affect their satisfaction with BLM service.
- Prioritize ways to increase customer satisfaction.
- Work with BLM management and staff to initiate action steps on high leverage issues.

Net Impression®: The Customer Scorecard

Net Impression® is a market research technique for understanding customer expectations and prioritizing improvement opportunities. Qualitative research, usually in the form of focus groups or personal interviews, is used to identify the items that comprise the customer scorecard. Next a quantitative survey is administered by either phone or mail. The survey responses are analyzed using the Net Impression® model software to identify leverage areas. High-leverage items are ones where changes will lead to the greatest increase in overall customer satisfaction. Appendix A provides a detailed description of the Net Impression® model.



Net Impression® Leverage Analysis is Used to Prioritize Improvement Opportunities

- A high leverage area is one where customers are relatively dissatisfied and/or a change will probably contribute to an improvement in satisfaction with BLM.
- Leverage scores are indexed on a one to ten scale, where ten represents the best opportunity for improvement.
- Pacific Consulting Group's Net Impression® model was used to generate the leverage scores.

CONTRIBUTION/IMPORTANCE

	LOW	HIGH	
LOW	MEDIUM LEVERAGE	HIGH LEVERAGE	
HIGH	LOW LEVERAGE	MEDIUM LEVERAGE	

BLM, the Forest Service, Pacific Consulting Group and Howard **University Teamed to Conduct the Customer Research**

Task

- Conduct focus groups
- Prepare preliminary Net Impression® frameworks
- Finalize research design
- Draft questionnaires
- Comment on questionnaires
- Finalize questionnaires
- Draw samples for each use authorization segment
- Write advance and cover letters and follow-up postcards
- Print questionnaires and correspondence
- Mail advance letters
- Mail questionnaires with cover letters
- Mail follow-up postcards
- Administer intercept surveys
- Develop coding scheme for open-ended questions
- Code surveys and keypunch data
- Analyze data and create reports by customer segment
- Present findings to the Customer Service Lead Group

Group(s) Responsible

- PCG, BLM, and Forest Service facilitators
- **PCG**
- PCG and Customer Service Lead Group
- **PCG**
- Customer Service Lead Group
- **PCG**
- PCG, Howard University,
 - Customer Service Lead Group
- **PCG**
- BLM's NPR Team
- **Howard University**
- **Howard University**
- **Howard University**
- Local BLM staff
- **PCG**
- Howard University and/or PCG
- **PCG**
- **PCG**

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Help Construct the Net Impression® Frameworks for Direct Customers

Eight focus groups were held in BLM field offices as shown below. The external groups covered three segments of BLM's customer base: Information Access Center visitors, Use Authorization customers, and Recreational and Educational Users.

Focus group interviews provided the basis for the survey questionnaires. Participants were asked to discuss what they expected of BLM and how BLM could improve service.

Location	Information Access Centers	Use Authorizations	Recreational and Educational Users
Riverside, CA	1	100	1
Vale, OR	1	Chalories Survey	
Reno, NV	- Indiana - James	1	
Coeur d'Alene, ID	A MEINSTON	1	nic the vice i
Santa Fe, NM		1	
Cody, WY	seasons Conduct the	Symptomic Totals	1
Grand Junction, CO		DEPARTMENT OF THE PARTMENT OF	1

Survey Questionnaires Were Developed for Nine Separate Customer Segments

- Each of the nine questionnaires contained customer satisfaction rating questions on items that focus group customers had identified as important in providing good service.
- Rating questions were posed on a seven point scale where 1 represented "Needs major improvement" and 7 represented "excellent".
- A few demographic questions were included to profile major respondent groups.

Sampling Scheme and Response Rates

Customer Segment	AK	AZ	CA	CO	ES	ID	MT	NM	NY	OR	UT	WY	Total Sent	Total Received	Response Rate
Information Access Centers	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1200	614	51%
Recreational and Educational Centers	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1200	602	50%
Land Management Transactions	137		362			415				317			1231	125	10%
Right-of-Way Grants	106	71						102	95		palls.		374	174	47%
Oil and Gas Leases			drice	302	173	STITE.	297)ranz	Land	CUS	10101	321	1093	135	12%
Mining Claims		319	325			j.			213		300		1157	260	22%
Grazing Permits and Leases	17.1					330	327	330				330	1317	357	27%
Recreational Permits			88	327		LU B			nh.	318	387		1120	346	31%
Timber	330		3	4		8	1	5		32	5		387	too few to tabulate	

Comments on Sampling and Survey Administration

To balance comprehensiveness and efficiency, cluster sampling schemes were employed for each of the customer segments— within States for Information Access Centers (1 or 2 chosen within each state); and across States for Use Authorizations (4 States each based on volume). A census was attempted for Timber permits, but too few completed questionnaires were received to support analysis.

Sample sizes were initially intended to produce 100 completed questionnaires from each customer segment from each participating State. Actual sample sizes were lower due to various problems with data bases and administration procedures.

All use authorization surveys were conducted by mail. Intercept techniques were employed for Information Access Centers and Recreational and Educational Centers, with self-administered questionnaires distributed and collected by on-site BLM employees.

Maximum sampling error (95% confidence interval) for each of the segments surveyed is presented below.

Customer Segment	Maximum Sampling Error
Information Access Centers	± 4.0%
Recreational and Educational Centers	± 4.1%
Land Management Transactions	± 8.9%
Right-of-Way Grants	± 7.6%

Customer Segment	Maximum Sampling Error
Oil and Gas Leases	± 8.6%
Mining Claims	± 6.2%
Grazing Permits and Leases	± 5.3%
Recreational Permits	± 5.4%
Timber	NA

Report Organization

- This volume summarizes the results from each survey and contains the following sections:
 - Overview
 - Respondent Profile
 - Customer Satisfaction Ratings
 - Improvement Opportunities
- This volume also contains an Appendix A describing Net Impression®.
- A separate volume contains the survey questionnaires and frequency tabulations for each survey.





Information Access Center Customers

Information Access Center Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Information Access Center Customers

- PCG moderators conducted focus groups in Riverside, California.
- Forest Service moderators conducted focus groups in Vale, Oregon.
- Information Access Center customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
- The survey questionnaire was reviewed and the items finalized by the Customer Service Lead Group. It was then pretested at field locations.

Information Access Center Customers: Overview

Information Access Center Customer Scorecard

Facilities Available

- Having comfortable and adequate space for public use
- Having adequate space to display resource materials
- Displaying interesting exhibits
- Making it easy to find the Information Access Center
- Making buildings and facilities accessible to customers with disabilities
- Having enough parking space available

Information and Services Available

- Making it clear what information is available through the center
- Making it clear how to use the center's services
- Providing accurate, complete information on my areas of interest
- Volunteering information and services to meet my needs
- Providing direct access to current information
- Indicating where there is legal access to public land
- Making good use of computers
- Having maps and other informational materials that meet my needs
- Allowing me to make my own copies of relevant documents
- Charging reasonable fees for materials
- Accepting several forms of payment (cash, check, credit card)
- Providing information about lands and resources not managed by BLM
- Having information available that meets the needs of customers with disabilities (information about accessible campsites, brochures in large print or Braille, etc.)

Customer Service

- Greeting me when I enter the Information Access Center
- Responding to my requests quickly
- Having knowledgeable, experienced employees on site
- Having the right information available to answer my questions
- Delivering consistent service within the same office
- Delivering consistent service among BLM offices
- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Minimizing the number of referrals to other staff or offices
- Fostering a good working relationship with users of the center
- Having employees who take personal responsibility and commitment for getting me the information that I need
- Having reasonable, flexible policies about using the center
- Having reasonable, flexible policies about land and resource management
- Having hours of operation that meet my needs

Communicating with the Public

- Being open about the reasons for decisions and the results of studies
- Educating the public about how to use the land and resources and BLM's services and facilities
- Getting public input into the planning process
- Willingly offering information to the public
- Promoting BLM, its employees, and its mission to the public
- Making it easy for people to find out about proposed changes

Information Access Center Customers: Respondent Profile

614 Completed Questionnaires Were Received from Information

Access Center Customers

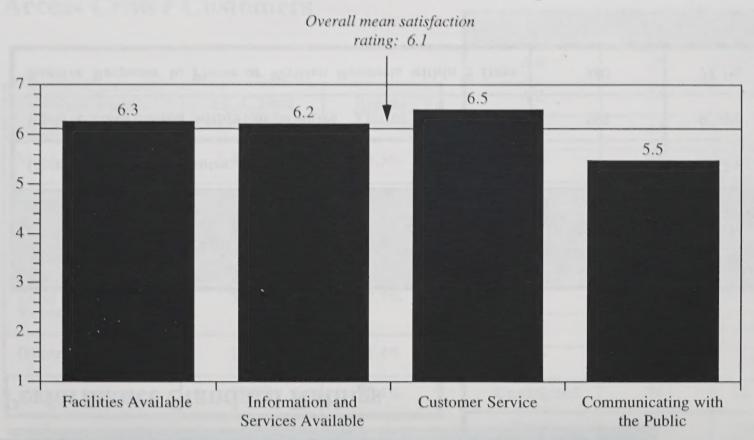
Purpose of Visit	First Time Visitor	Repeat Visitor
Maps	44.8%	41.5%
Brochures	22.0%	12.7%
Recreational Information	30.2%	12.5%
Land and Mineral Records	32.8%	67.7%
Other	25.0%	11.4%
Total	39.6%	60.4%

State	Customers	Percent
AK	15	2.4%
AZ	25	4.1%
CA	80	13.0%
СО	96	15.6%
ID	119	19.4%
MT	12	2.0%
NM	57	9.3%
NV	55	9.0%
UT	59	9.6%
WY	22	3.6%
Unassigned	74	12.1%
Total	614	100%

Performance Standard Ratings

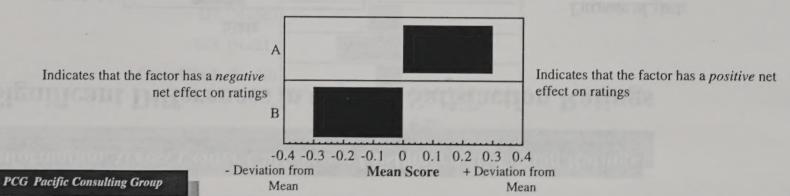
Customer Service Standard	Number Responding	Percent Reporting Meeting Standard
Greeted within 5 Minutes	579	97.3%
Receive Information within 30 Minutes	568	97.4%
Receive Response to Phone or Written Requests within 5 Days	380	77.1%

Mean Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings

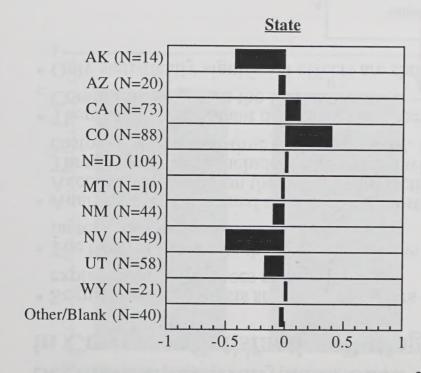


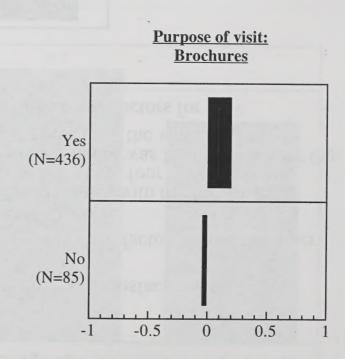
Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in Customer Satisfaction Ratings

- Segmentation Analysis shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor, taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on the overall customer satisfaction with the Information Access Centers and on the overall satisfaction for each of the four service arenas. Three factors were included: the state in which the BLM site was located, whether the customer was a first-time or repeat visitor, and the purpose of the visit.
- There are no significant differences between the three given factors for the Communicating with the Public arena.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.



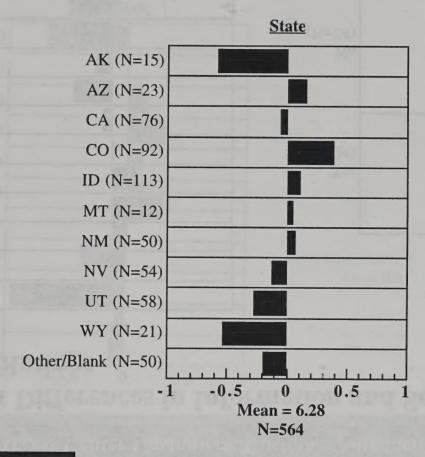
Significant Differences in Overall Satisfaction Ratings



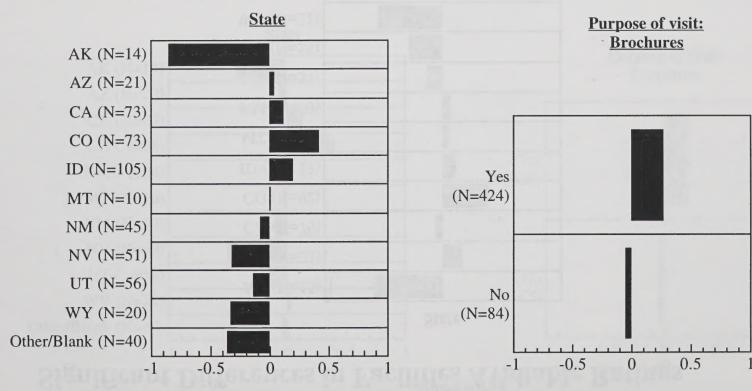


Mean = 6.14N = 521

Significant Differences in Facilities Available Ratings

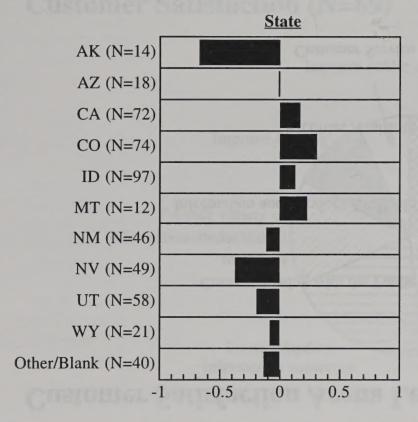


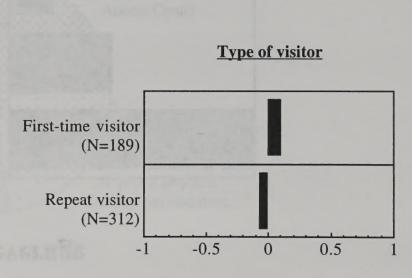
Significant Differences in Information and Services Available Ratings



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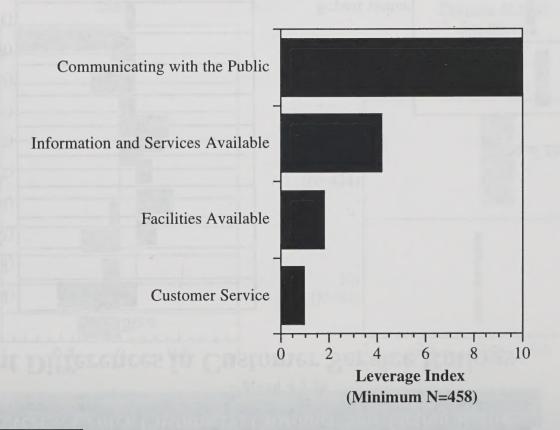
Significant Differences in Customer Service Ratings



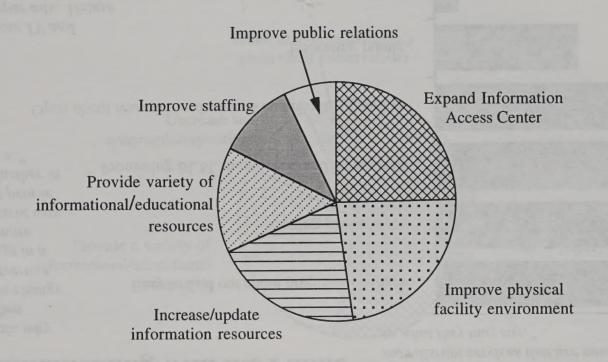


Mean = 6.49N = 501

Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage



Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N=69)



Communicating with the Public

"Explain why and when policies change and advertise meetings in a much more aggressive way and let people know further in advance."

Easy to find out about proposed changes

Getting public input

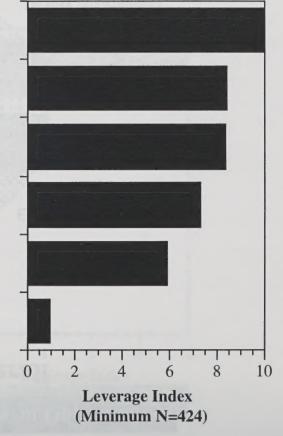
Promoting BLM, employees, and its mission

Open about reasons for decisions and results of studies

Educating public

Willingly offering information

"Discuss with frequent users any major changes that may disrupt services that are now in place and <u>listen</u> to what they may say."



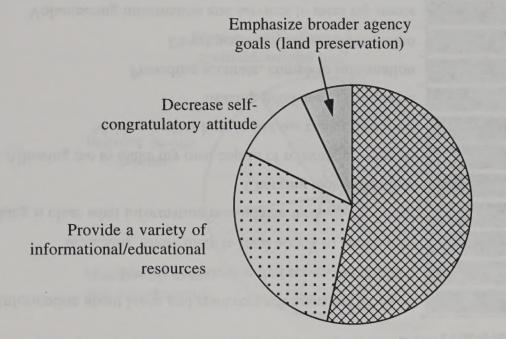
outdoors related group, you usually do not hear about BLM lands and policies."

you're a member of an

"Increase TV and newspaper ads. Unless

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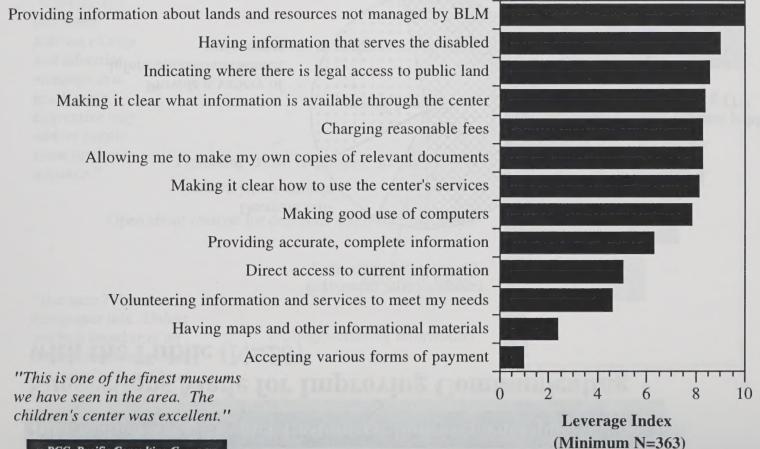
Suggestions Made for Improving Communicating with the Public (N=28)



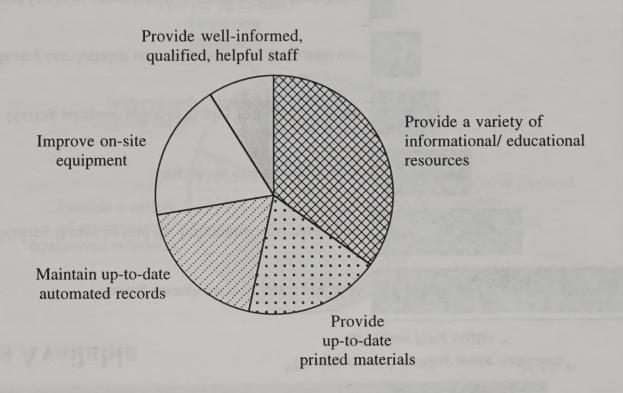
Improve and increase public relations/advertising (TV, radio, paper)

Information and Services Available

"I could have used a comprehensive services guide."



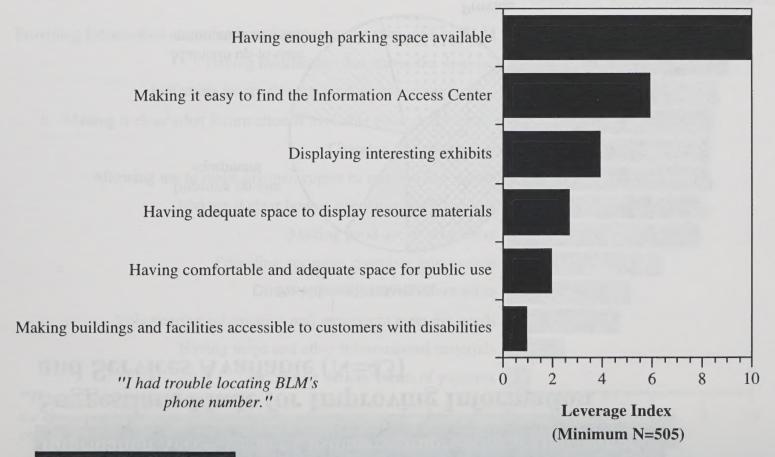
Suggestions Made for Improving Information and Services Available (N=43)



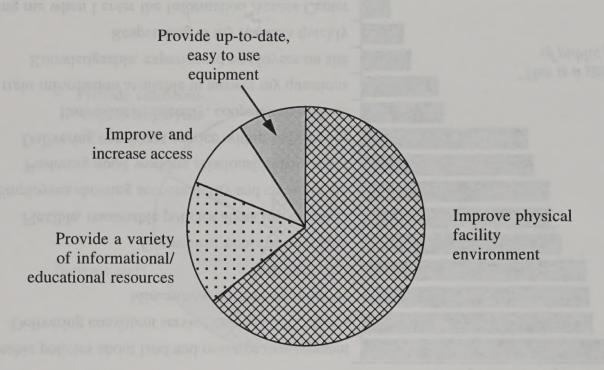
Facilities Available

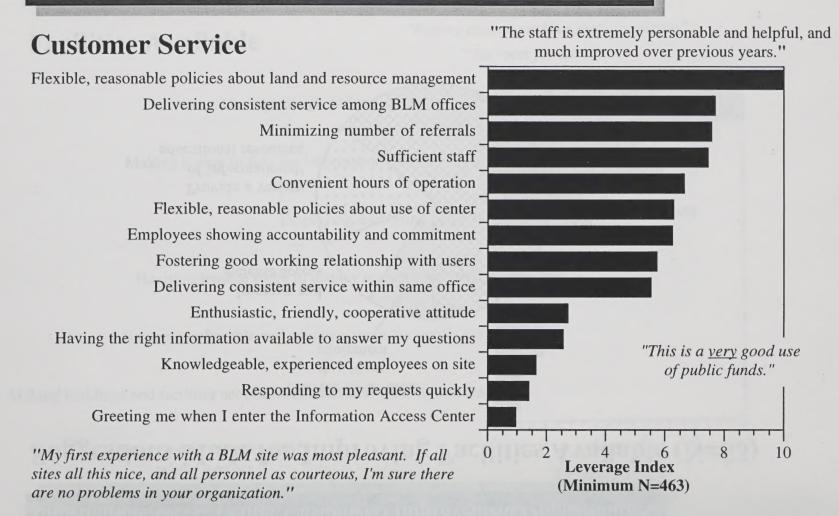
"Having enough parking space available."

"No room for a trailer."

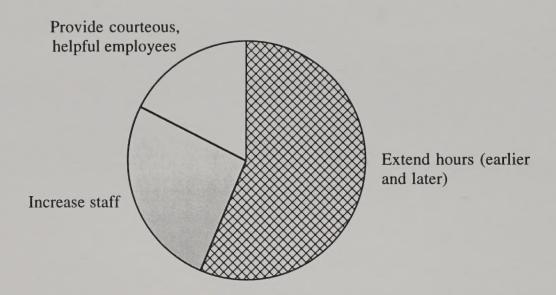


Suggestions Made for Improving Facilities Available (N=53)





Suggestions Made for Improving Customer Service (N=23)







Recreational and Educational Use Customers

Recreational and Educational Use Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Recreational and Educational Users

- PCG moderators conducted focus groups in Riverside, California.
- Forest Service moderators conducted focus groups in Cody, Wyoming and Grand Junction, Colorado.
- Recreational and Educational customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
- The survey questionnaire was reviewed and the items finalized by the Customer Service Lead Group. It was then pretested at field locations.

Recreational and Educational Use Customers: Overview

Complete Scorecard for Recreational and Educational Users

Facilities and Access to Public Land

- Allowing appropriate and reasonable access to public lands
- Maintaining roads and trails
- Maintaining clean buildings and other facilities
- Providing enough facilities in useful places on public land
- Providing accurate, detailed, and affordable maps and brochures
- Offering maps for sale in a variety of places
- Indicating where public lands are located
- Indicating where access is allowed on public lands
- Informing the public about reasons for land closures
- Charging appropriate fees for recreational use
- Making buildings and facilities accessible to people with disabilities
- Making trails and roads accessible to people with disabilities

Management Practices

- Managing the number of people at recreational sites
- Managing the use of recreational vehicles
- Managing noise
- Controlling garbage and human waste
- Having knowledgeable employees
- Fostering a good working relationship with users of the land
- Having practices that show concern for human beings as well as for the land
- Volunteering information about what is available on the land
- Working with groups that have special needs
- Educating users to respect each others' needs

Protection of Resources

- Protecting the natural environment
- Protecting historic and prehistoric sites
- Providing interpretative information at historic sites
- Making use of knowledgeable private organizations and volunteers
- Getting public input when identifying critical areas for preservation
- Responding quickly to environmental threats
- Preserving water resources for wildlife
- Educating the public about how to use the land
- Educating the public about cultural and historical resources

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable rules and regulations
- Ensuring public awareness of rules and regulations
- Fostering cooperation between BLM staff and recreationists
- Assigning enough rangers to enforce rules and regulations
- Having on-the-ground BLM employees who know how to work with people
- Cooperating with other agencies
- Establishing penalties that deter violations
- Implementing policies consistently
- Applying rules fairly and equitably to authorized permittees and to recreational and educational users
- Balancing the needs of multiple users
- Balancing a concern for preservation with usage needs
- Getting public input into deciding how the land will be used
- Being flexible as usage needs change

Recreational and Educational Use Customers: Respondent Profile

602 Surveys were Received From Recreational

and Educational Use Customers

Primary Activity on Public Land	First Time Visitor	Repeat Visitor
Biking	2	5
Boating	6	6
Camping	17	16
Fishing	9	8
Hiking/Riding	8	11
Hunting	4	5
Rafting	1	7
Sightseeing	3	3
Swimming	6	2
Total	56	63

^{*} Only 119 respondents provided codable answers to this question. Overall 49% of respondents were first time visitors.

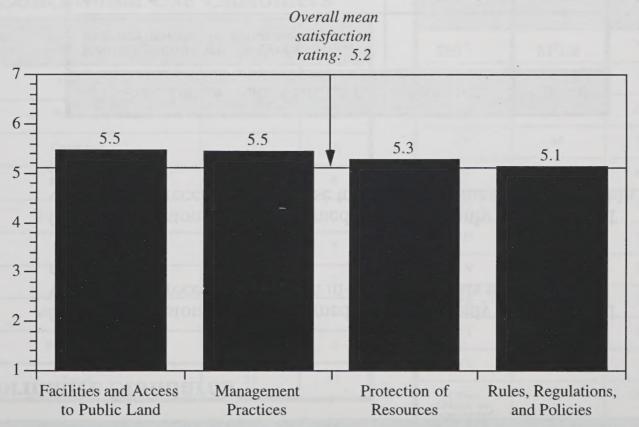
State	Customers	Percent
AK	23	3.8%
AZ	11	1.8%
CA	93	15.4%
СО	44	7.3%
ID	37	6.1%
MT	23	3.8%
NM	43	7.1%
NV	21	3.5%
OR	16	2.7%
UT	54	9.0%
WY	80	13.3%
Other (Blank or Unassigned)	157	26.1%
Total	602	100%

Performance Standards

- Of the 602 customers who returned the survey, only 280 answered whether they received action on in-person requests within 30 minutes.
- Of the 602 customers who returned the survey, only 246 answered whether they received a response to phone or written requests within 5 days.

Response Time at Recreational Site	Customers	Percent
Receive Action on In-Person Request within 30 Minutes	280	81.1%
Receive Response to Phone or Written Request within 5 Days	246	78.9%

Mean Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings



Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) Is Used to Help Understand **Differences in Customer Satisfaction**

- ANOVA shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor, taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on the overall customer satisfaction with BLM's handling of public lands and on the overall satisfaction for each of the four service arenas. Three factors were included: the state in which the BLM site was located, whether the customer was a first-time or repeat visitor, and the customer's primary activity on the land.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.

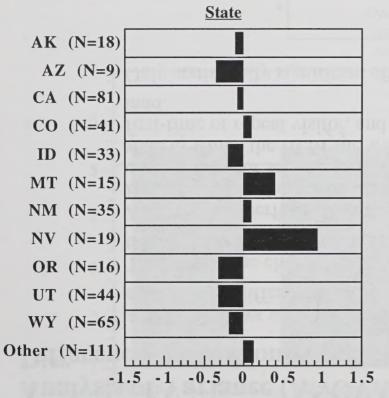
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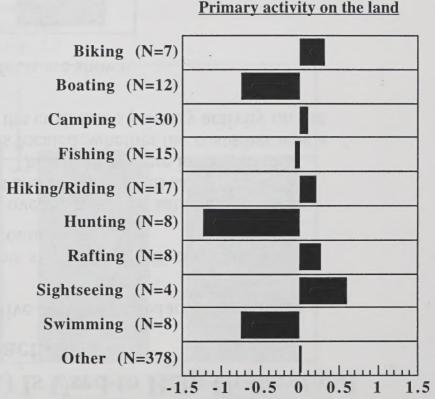
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Indicates that the factor has a positive net effect on ratings

Mean

Significant Differences in Overall Customer Satisfaction Ratings

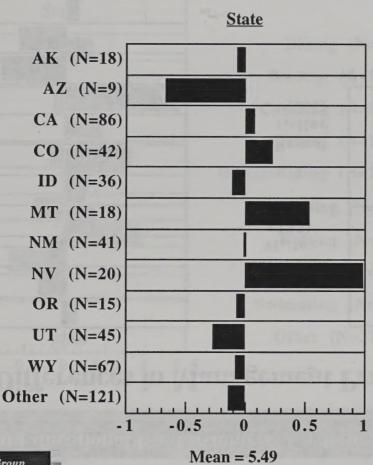




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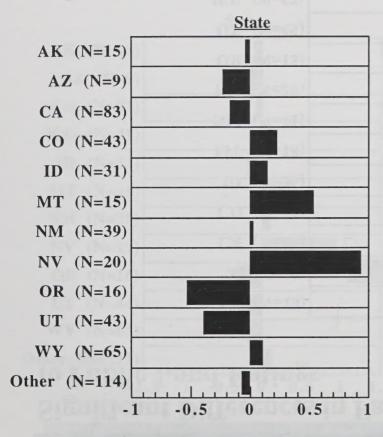
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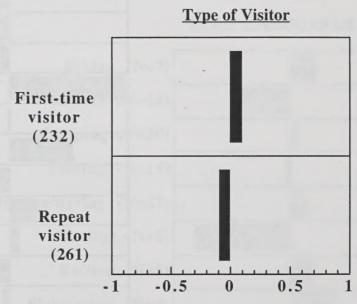
Significant Differences in Facilities and Access to Public Land Ratings



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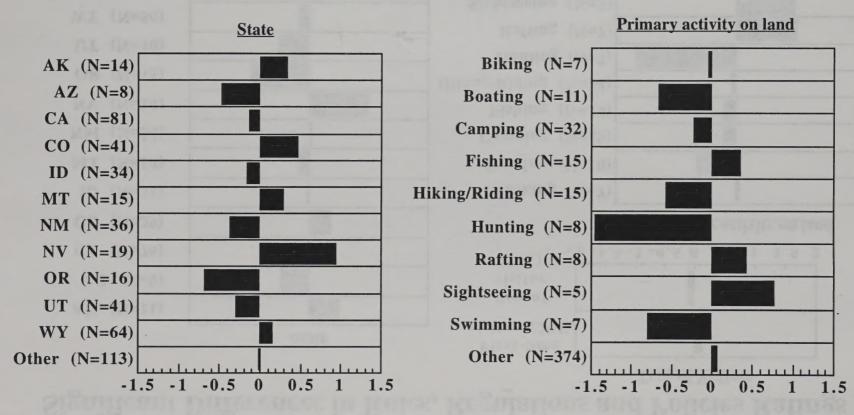
Significant Differences in Management Practices Ratings





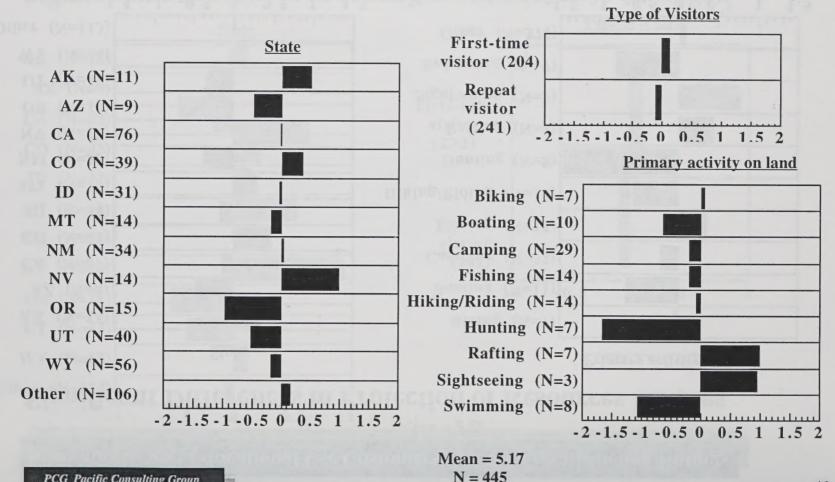
Mean = 5.50N = 493

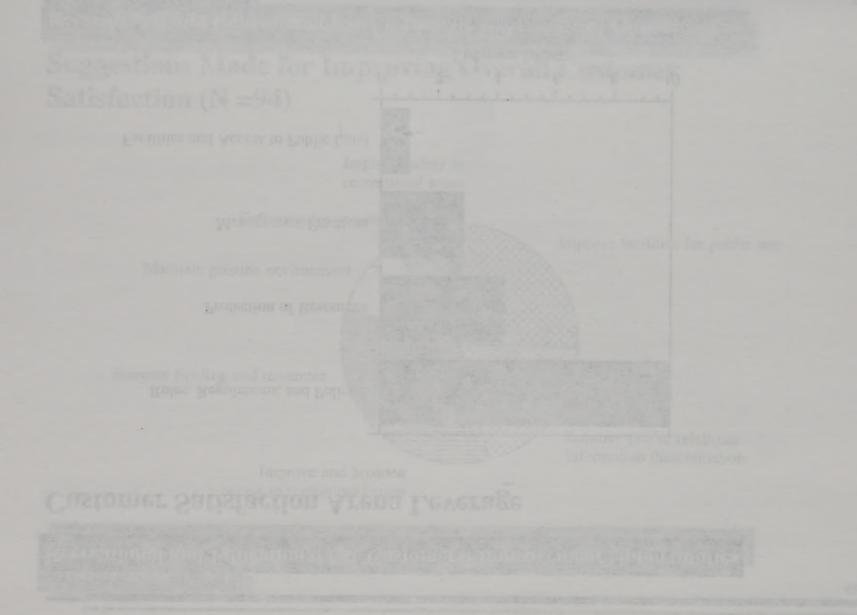
Significant Differences in Protection of Resources Ratings



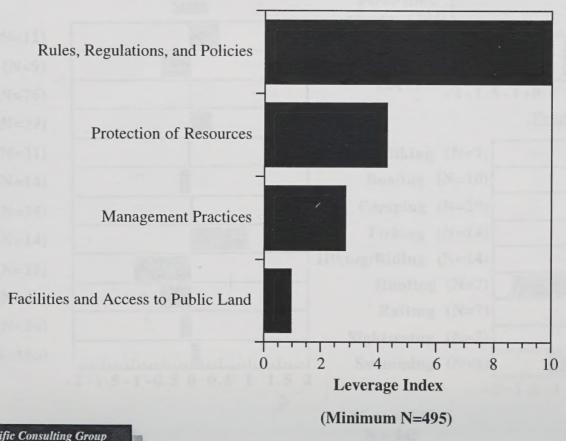
Mean = 5.31 N=482

Significant Differences in Rules, Regulations and Policies Ratings

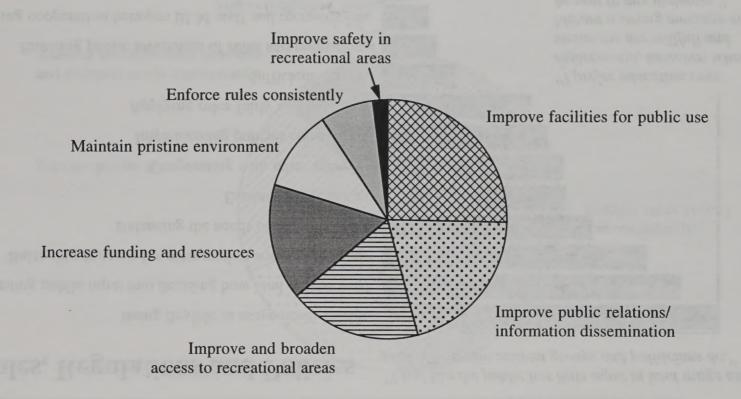




Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage

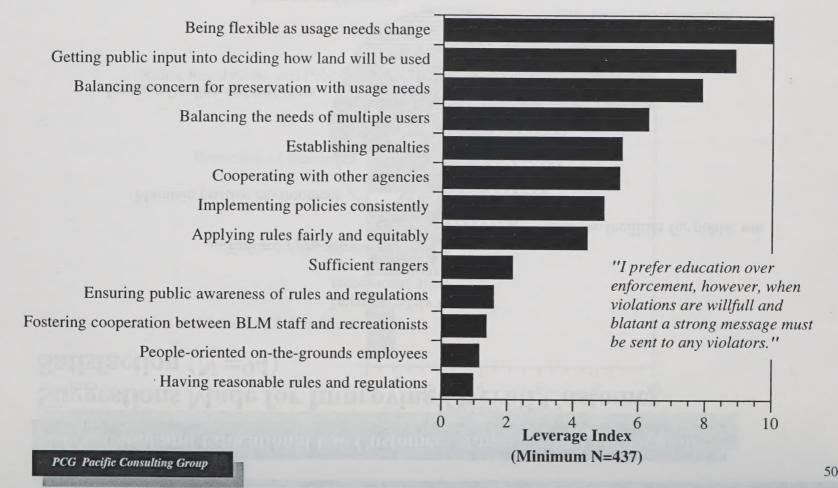


Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N = 94)

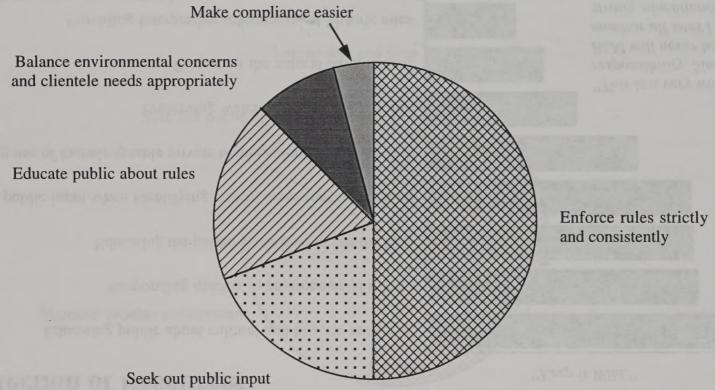


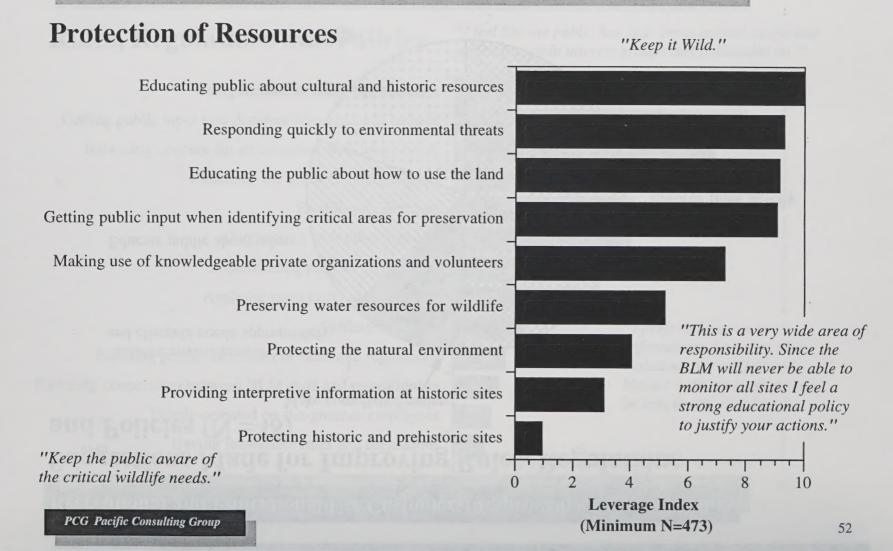
Rules, Regulations and Policies

"I feel like the public has little input in land usage and policies; certain interest groups and politicians do."

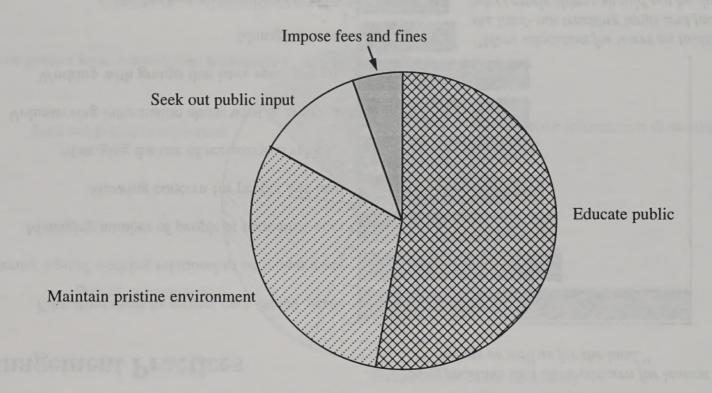


Suggestions Made for Improving Rules, Regulations and Policies (N =48)



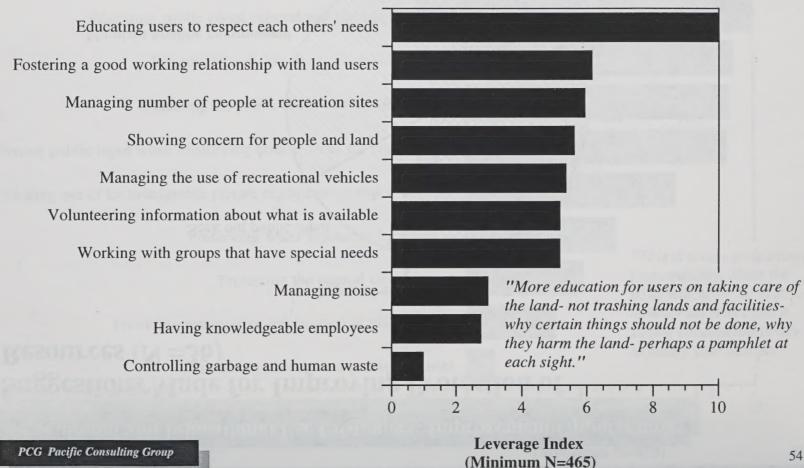


Suggestions Made for Improving Protection of Resources (N = 36)

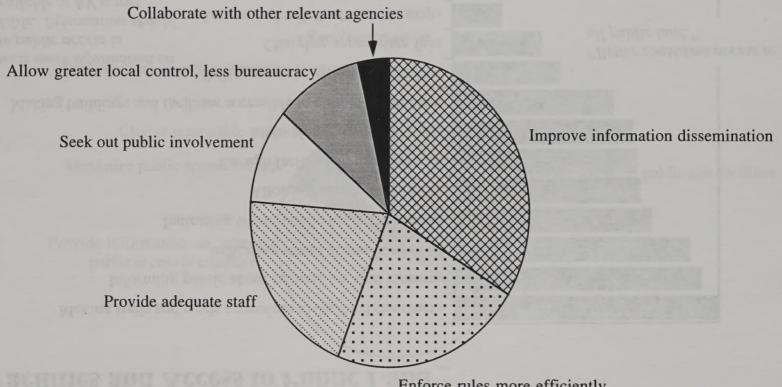


Management Practices

"Having practices that show concern for human beings as well as for the land."



Suggestions Made for Improving Management Practices (N = 49)



Facilities and Access to Public Land

Making trails and roads accessible to disabled customers

Informing public about reasons for land closures

Indicating where access is allowed

Indicating where public lands are located

Allowing appropriate access

Enough facilities in useful places

Maintaining roads and trails

Making buildings and facilities accessible to disabled customers

Selling maps in variety of locations

"Provide more information on where public access is available. Information should

Accurate, detailed, affordable maps

Maintaining clean buildings

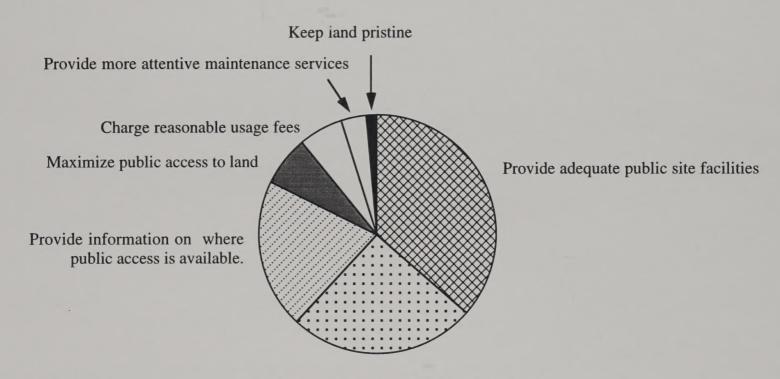
where public access is available. Information should be available at RV stores, sporting good stores, Regional/District Forest Service offices and state visitor centers."

PCG Pacific Consulting Group

(Minimum N=502)

Leverage Index

Suggestions Made for Improving Facilities and Access to Public Land (N =118)



Maintain safe, well-marked roads and trails





Land Management Transaction Customers

Land Management Transaction Customers: Overview

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- The questionnaire was reviewed and finalized by the Customer Service lead group and pretested at field locations

Land Management Transaction Customers: Overview

Land Management Transactions Customer Scorecard

Processing Land Transactions

- Being able to obtain information and conduct transactions at local BLM offices
- Making up-to-date information accessible
- Letting me know what to expect during the transaction process
- Matching the complexity and expense of the application with the likely impacts of the transaction
- Letting me know when I
- can expect a responseCharging fair rates and
- Processing my application in a timely manner
- Maintaining good communications during the transaction process
- Giving consideration to special situations
- Providing assistance when needed to complete paperwork
- Explaining the terms and conditions of the land transaction

Service Delivery

- Having employees who are knowledgeable about my geographic area and its resources
- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Understanding the agency's policies and regulations
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Delivering consistent service
- Maintaining a good relationship with the public
- Being flexible and creative in meeting users' needs
- Being available when I call
- Responding promptly to information requests

Resource Management Practices

- Fostering a cooperative working relationship with users
- Having reasonable maintenance requirements
- Providing helpful technical assistance to applicants and permittees
- Responding quickly to publicly desired projects, proposals, and improvements
- Balancing local and national priorities when interpreting laws and policies
- Balancing the needs of multiple users
- Balancing conservation of the environment with applicants' needs
- Respecting Native American lands and cultural sites

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations
- Having fair enforcement policies
- Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate
- Ensuring fair and consistent policies for all applicants and permittees
- Interpreting regulations consistently
- Providing adequate protest and appeal policies to resolve issues and disputes

Communicating with the Public

- Volunteering information to the public
- Providing consistent and timely information to the general public
- Making it easy for people to find out about proposed changes and public hearings
- Being open about the reasons for policy revisions
- Getting public input at the right point in the process
- Acting on public input when appropriate
- Including me in the land use planning process
- Educating all people about land uses and resource management
- Promoting BLM, its employees, and its mission to the public

Internal Management Practices

- Communicating among departments within my local BLM office
- Coordinating with other BLM offices
- Coordinating with other state and federal agencies
- Having effective communication and coordination between Washington and the field
- Delegating sufficient authority to local BLM offices
- Empowering local employees to evaluate risks and to make decisions
- Holding employees accountable
- Making good use of resources and professionals outside BLM
- Performing an appropriate level of review of studies done by approved experts outside BLM
- Being progressive to meet current needs

Land Management Transaction Customers: Respondent Profile

125 Completed Questionnaires Were Received from Land Management Transaction Customers

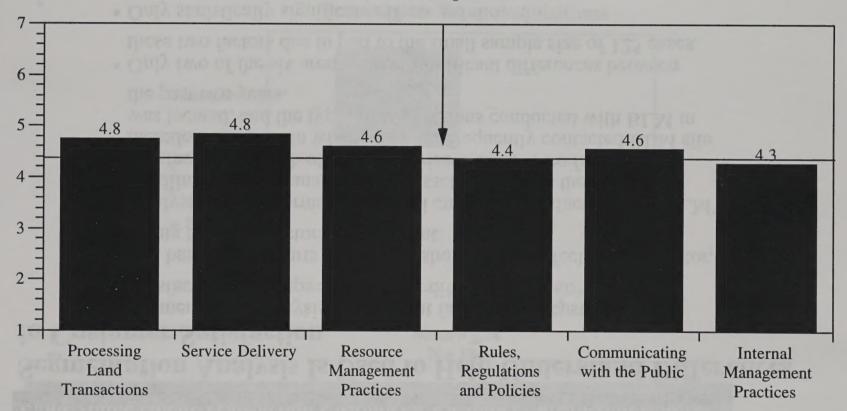
State	Customers	<u>Percent</u>
AK	1	.8%
CA	39	31.2%
ID	37	29.6%
OR	4	3.2%
Other (Unassigned)	44	35.2%
Total	125	100%

Type of transaction(s) conducted with BLM in past two years*	<u>Customers</u>	Percen t	
Acquisition	30	25.2%	
Exchange	34	29.3%	
Disposal	14	11.8%	
Sale	44	37.3%	
Grant	10	8.4%	

^{*} Multiple response question.

Mean Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings

Overall mean satisfaction rating: 4.4



Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in Customer Satisfaction

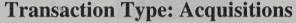
- Segmentation Analysis shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor. taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on overall customer satisfaction with BLM's handling of land management transactions and on the overall satisfaction for each of the six service arenas. Two factors were included: the state in which the most frequently contacted BLM site was located, and the types of transactions conducted with BLM in the past two years.
- Only two of the six arenas show significant differences between these two factors due in part to the small sample size of 125 cases.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.

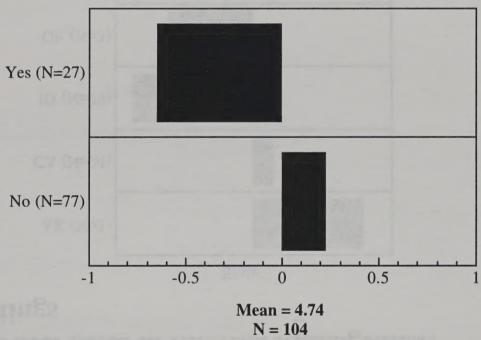
Mean

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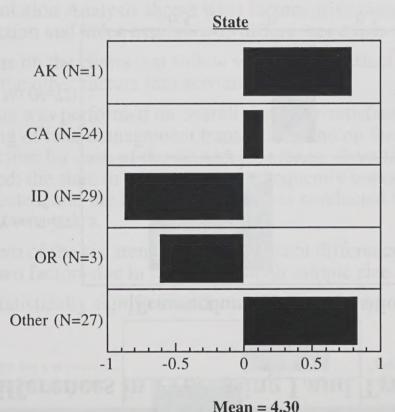
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Significant Differences in Processing Land Transactions Ratings



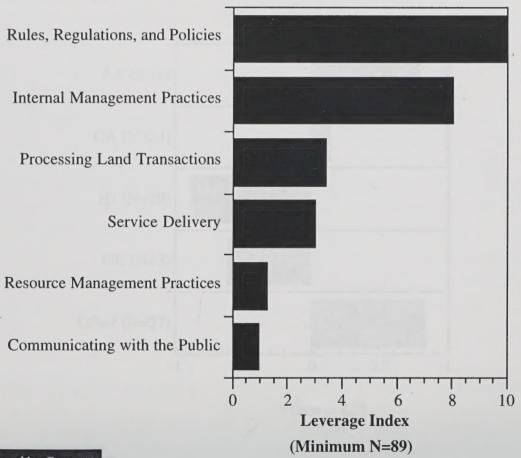


Significant Differences in Internal Management Practices Ratings

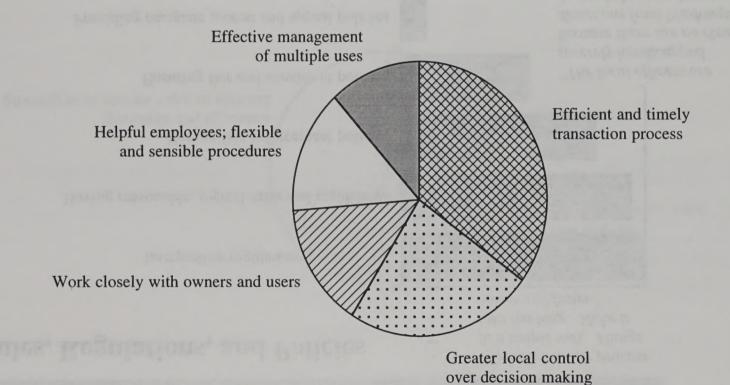


N = 84

Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage



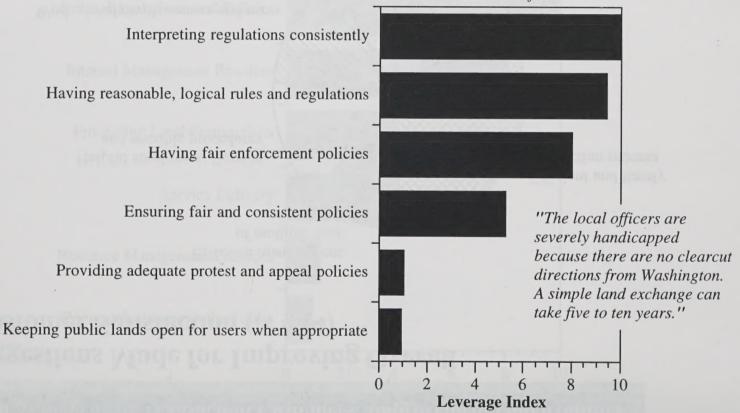
Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N = 34)



Rules, Regulations, and Policies

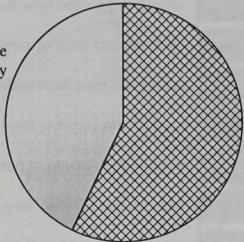
"Standardize the process in a simple way. Things take too long. Make it easier and faster."

(Minimum N=95)



Suggestions Made for Improving Rules, Regulations, and Policies (N = 7)

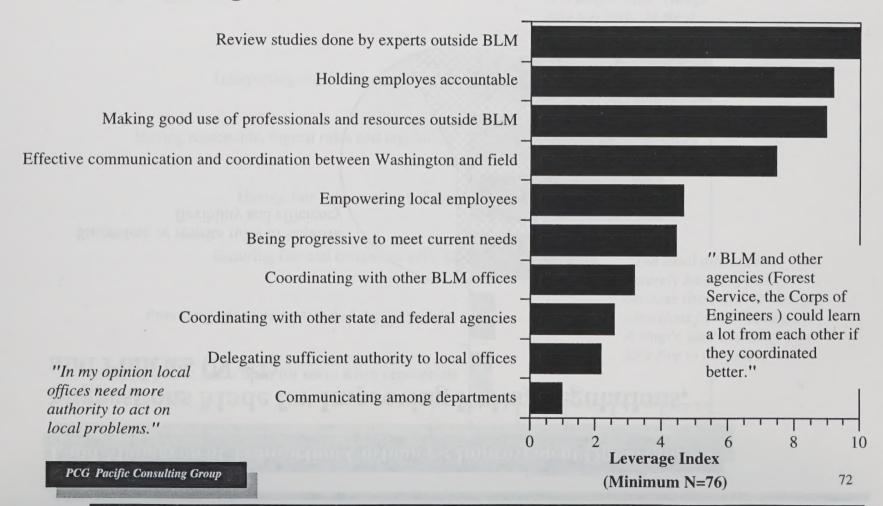
Streamline or rewrite rules to improve flexibility and efficiency



Greater local control over decision making

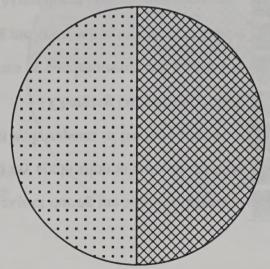
Internal Management Practices

"Make individuals responsible for their own actions."



Suggestions Made for Improving Internal Management Practices (N = 8)

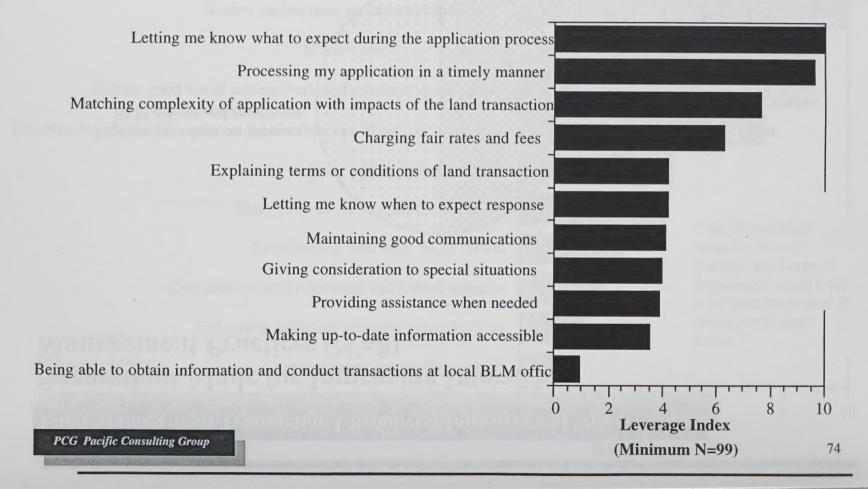
Improve coordination between BLM offices and employees



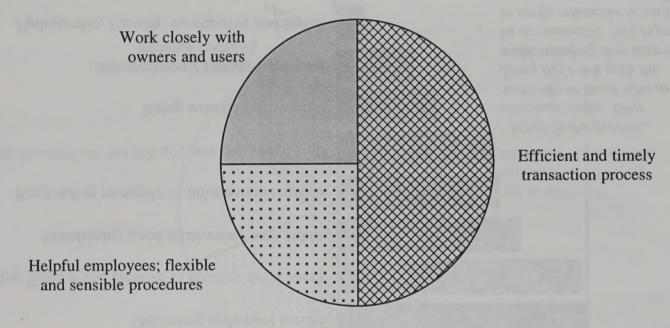
Greater local control over decision-making

Processing Land Transactions

"Need to simplify the process."

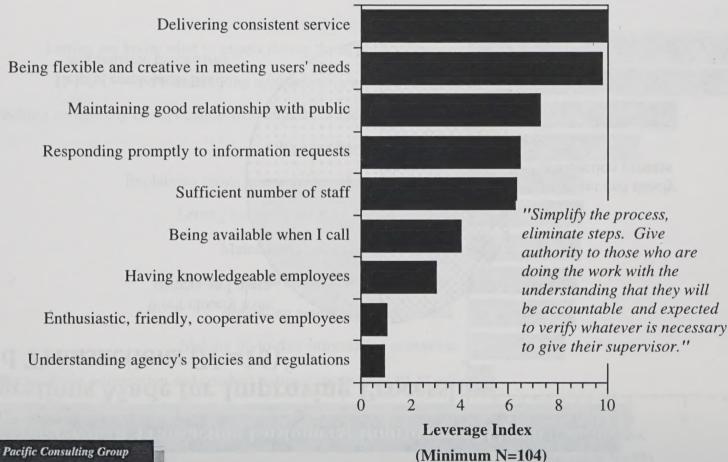


Suggestions Made for Improving Processing Land Transactions (N = 16)

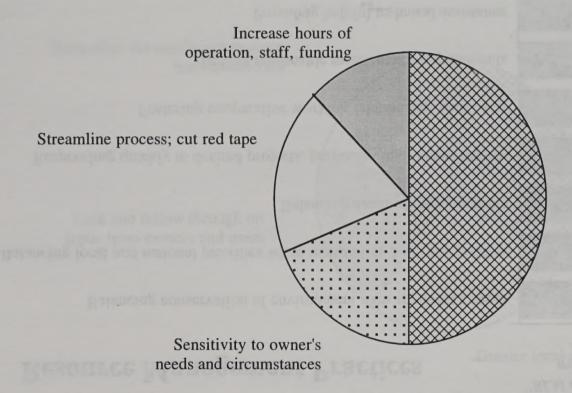


Service Delivery

"Enforce rules for everyone consistently."



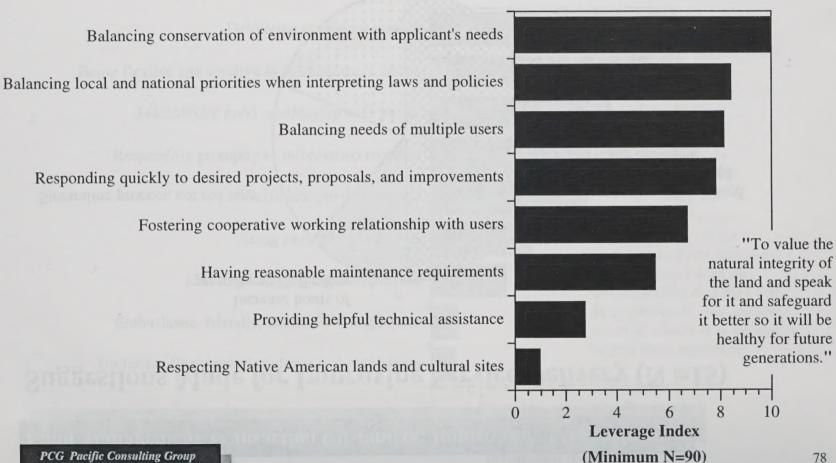
Suggestions Made for Improving Service Delivery (N = 15)



Responsive, experienced personnel; empowered to make decisions

Resource Management Practices

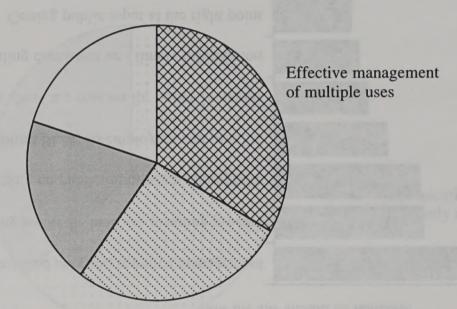
"BLM is too readily intimidated by the mere possibility of action by environmental groups."



Suggestions Made for Improving Resource Management Practices (11)

Streamline the regulatory process; less bureaucracy

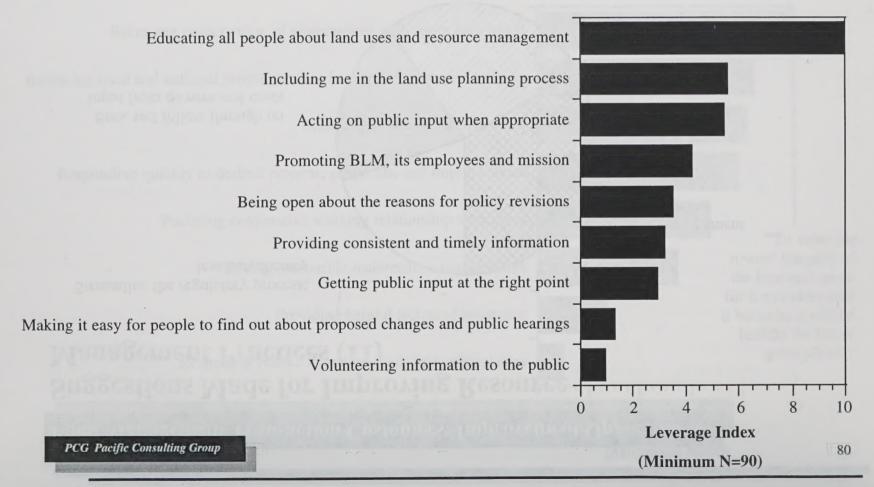
Seek and follow through on input from owners and users



Greater local control over decision making

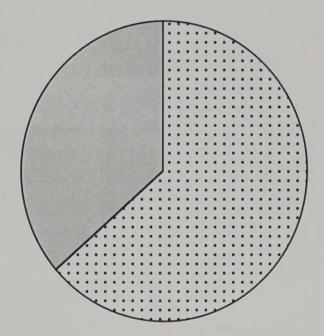
Communicating with the Public

"Get out and identify, survey, and document the resources, but in every case get local opinion on how the site should be handled."



Suggestions Made for Improving Communicating with the Public (N = 11)

Seek and follow through on input from owners and users



Closer communication with owners and users; honestly and openness





Right-of-Way Customers

Right-of-Way Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Right-of-Way Customers

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- Use Authorization customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
- The Customer Service Lead Group reviewed and finalized the questionnaire items.

Right-of-Way Customers: Overview

Right-of-Way Grants Customer Scorecard

Processing Grants

- Being able to obtain grants at local BLM offices
- Making up-to-date information accessible
- Letting me know what to expect during the application process
- Matching the complexity and expense of the application with the likely impacts of the use
- Letting me know when I can expect a response
- Charging fair rates and fees
- Processing annual my application in a timely manner
- Maintaining good communications during the authorization process
- Making it easy to temporary-use permits and right-of-way grants to other users
- Giving consideration to special situations
- Providing assistance when needed to complete paperwork
- Explaining the terms and conditions of the grant

Service Delivery

- Having employees who are knowledgeable about my geographic area and its resources
- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Understanding the agency's policies and regulations
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Delivering consistent service
- Maintaining a good relationship with the public
- Being flexible and creative in meeting users' needs
- Being available when I
- Responding promptly to information requests

Resource Management Practices

- Fostering a cooperative working relationship with users
- Having reasonable maintenance requirements
- Providing helpful technical assistance to applicants and grantees
- Responding quickly to publicly desired projects, proposals, and improvements
- Balancing local and national priorities when interpreting laws and policies
- Balancing the needs of multiple users
- Balancing conservation of the environment with applicants' needs
- Respecting Native American lands and cultural sites

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations
- Having fair enforcement policies
- Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate
- Ensuring fair and consistent policies for all applicants and grantees
- Interpreting regulations consistently
- Providing adequate protest and appeal policies to resolve issues and disputes

Communicating with the Public

- Volunteering information to the public
- Providing consistent and timely information to the general public
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Internal Management Practices

- Communicating among departments within my local BLM office
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- Having effective communication and coordination between Washington and the field
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- Holding employees accountable
- Making good use of resources and professionals outside BLM
- Performing an appropriate level of review of studies done by approved experts outside BLM
- Being progressive to meet current needs

Right-of-Way Customers: Respondent Profile

174 Completed Questionaires Were Received from Right-of-Way Customers

State	Customers	Percent
AK	11	6.3%
AZ	23	13.2%
NM	53	30.5%
NV	9	5.2%
Other (Unassigned)	78	44.8%
Total	174	100%

Right-of-Way Customers: Respondent Profile

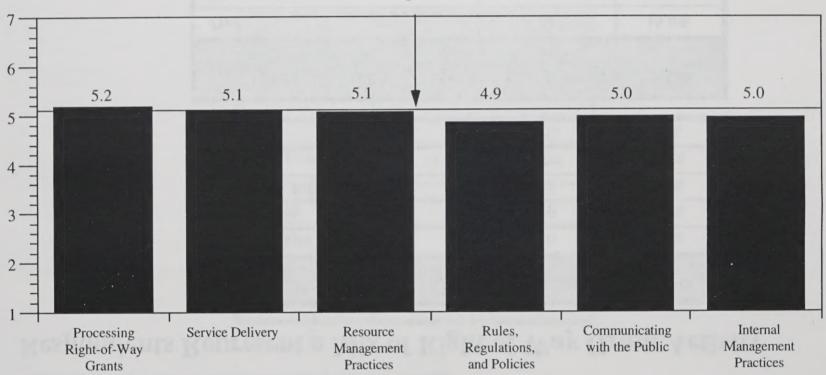
Respondents Represent a Mix of Right of Way Grant Activity

Number of People Involved in Your Company or Organization	Customers	Percent
One to Four	40	25.8%
Five to Ten	16	10.3%
Eleven to Fifty	42	27.1%
Over Fifty	57	36.8%
Total	155	100%

Number of Right-of Way Grants Obtained from BLM in Past Two Years	Customers	Percent
One	24	15.6%
Two to Four	36	23.4%
Five to Ten	46	29.9%
Over Ten	48	31.2%
Total	154	100%

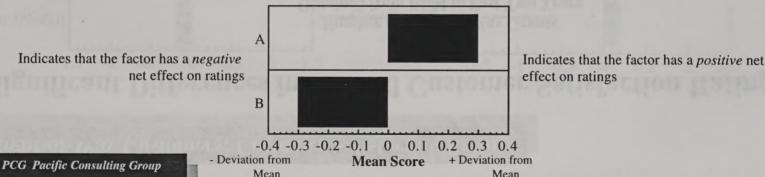
Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings

Overall mean satisfaction rating: 5.0

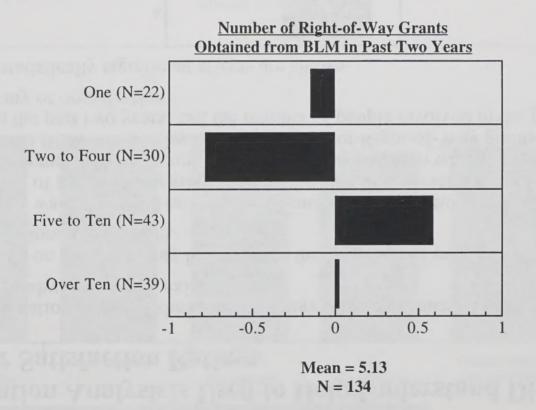


Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in **Customer Satisfaction Ratings**

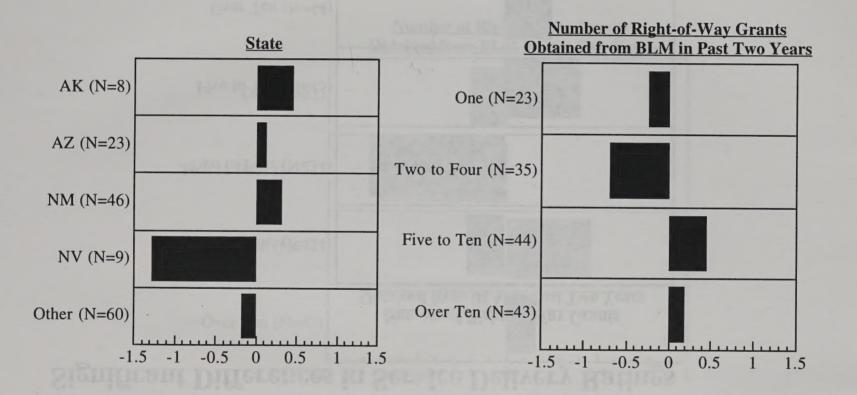
- Segmentation Analysis shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
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- Analysis was performed on the overall customer satisfaction with the BLM's handling of right-of-way grants and on the overall satisfaction for each of the six service arenas. Three factors were included: the state in which the most frequently contacted BLM site was located, the number of Right-of-Way grants obtained within the past two years, and the number of people involved in the grantees company or organization.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.



Significant Differences in Overall Customer Satisfaction Ratings



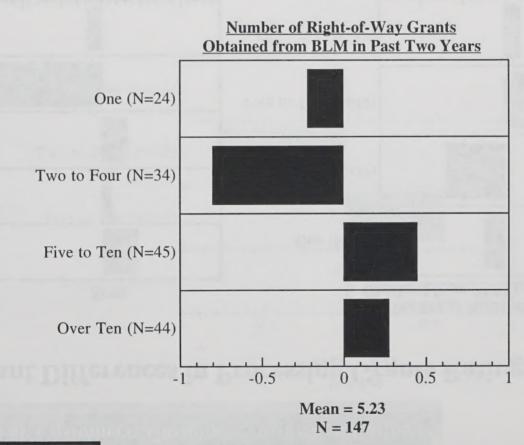
Significant Differences in Processing Grants Ratings



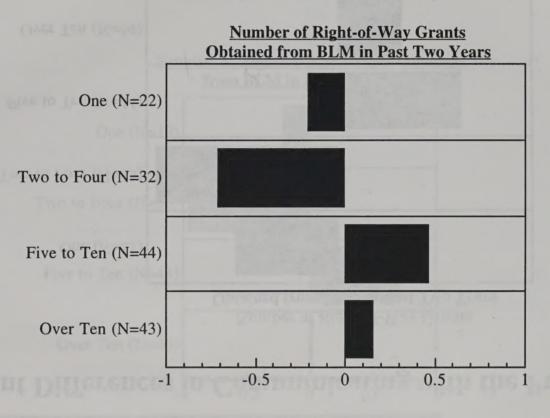
Mean =
$$5.30$$

N = 146

Significant Differences in Service Delivery Ratings



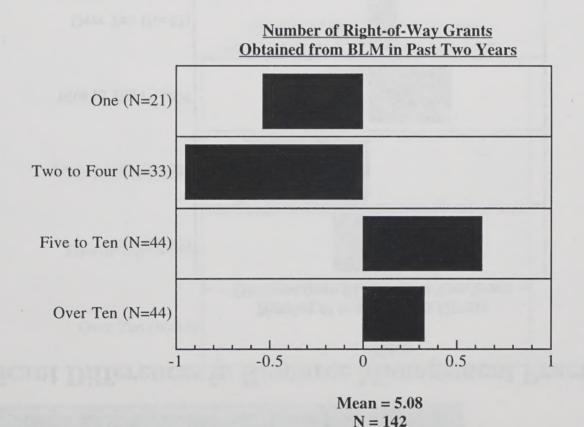
Significant Differences in Resource Management Practices Ratings



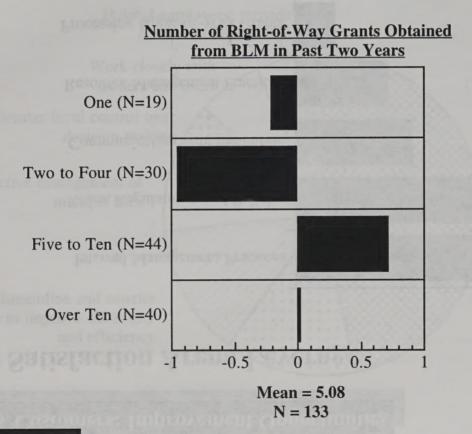
Mean =
$$5.17$$

N = 141

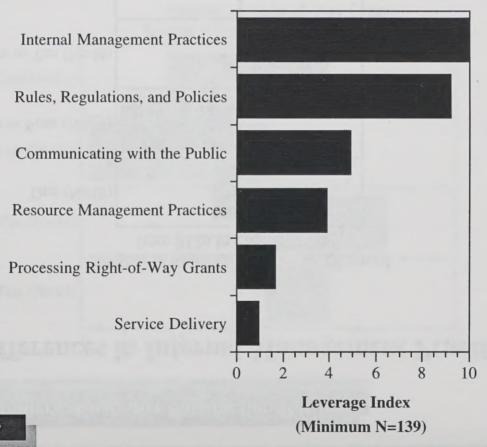
Significant Differences in Communicating with the Public Ratings



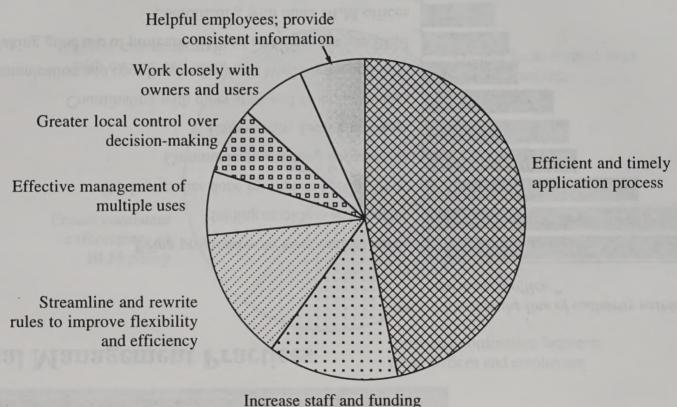
Significant Differences in Internal Management Practices Ratings



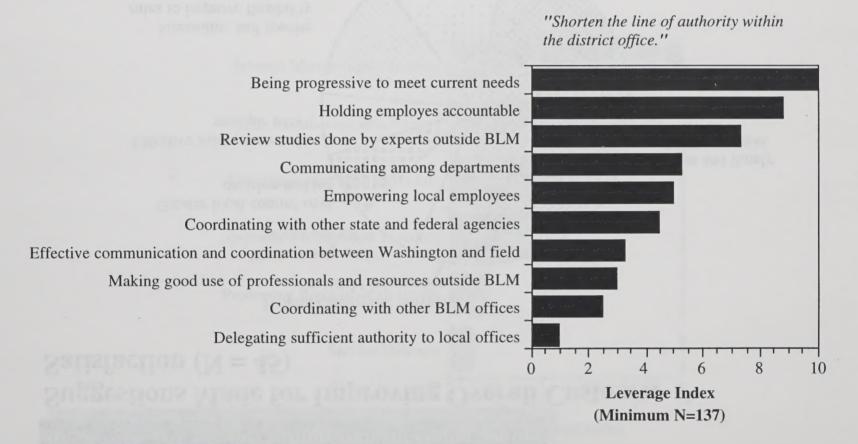
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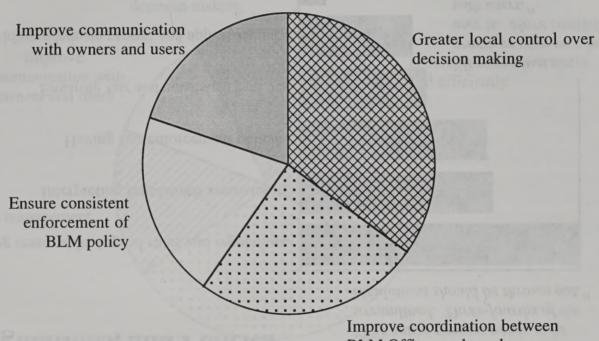
Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N = 45)



Internal Management Practices

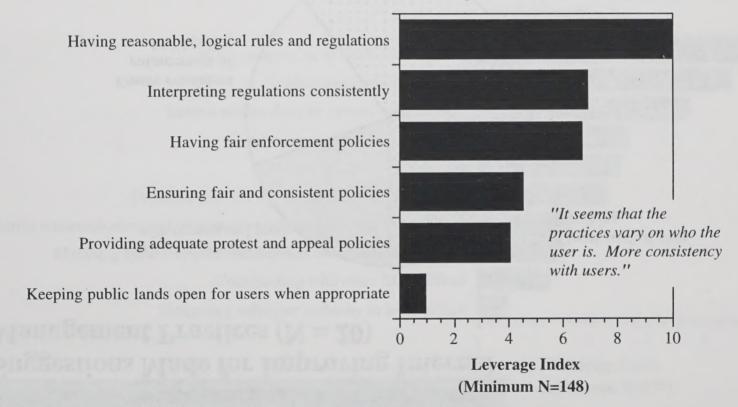


Suggestions Made for Improving Internal Management Practices (N = 20)



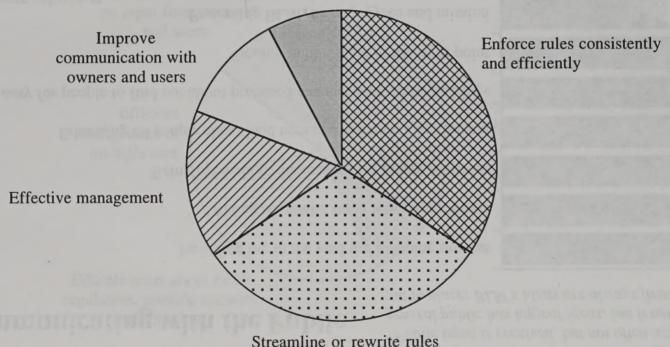
Rules, Regulations, and Policies

"The entire process needs to be streamlined. Three-fourths of the regulations should be thrown out."



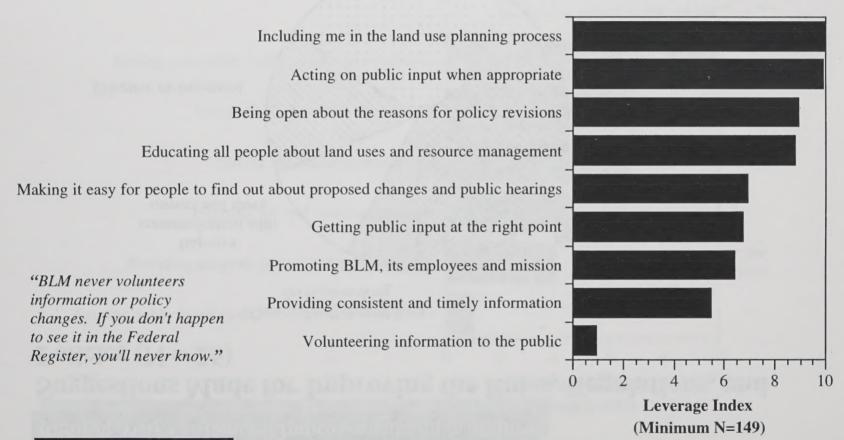
Suggestions Made for Improving the Rules, Regulations, and Policies (N = 26)

Greater local control over decision-making

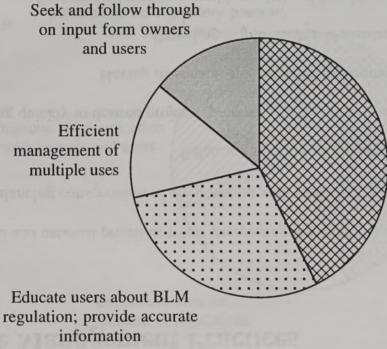


Communicating with the Public

"Public input is received, but not often acted upon. The general public has logical ideas, but it never seems to be put in place; BLM's ideas are always first."



Suggestions Made for Improving Communicating with the Public (N = 14)



Communicate honestly and openly with the public

Resource Management Practices

"Cultural resources are overprotected to the detriment of legitimate uses."

Balancing local and national priorities when interpreting laws and policies

Balancing conservation of environment with applicant's needs

Balancing needs of multiple users

Responding quickly to desired projects, proposals, and improvements

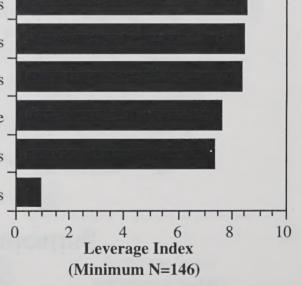
Having reasonable maintenance requirements

"While we agree that conservation is important, the hoops we're required to jump through border on ridiculous."

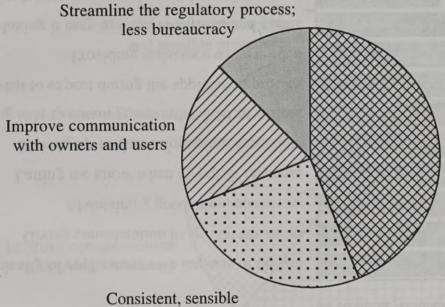
Providing helpful technical assistance

Fostering cooperative working relationship with users

Respecting Native American lands and cultural sites



Suggestions Made for Improving Resource Management Practices (N=16)

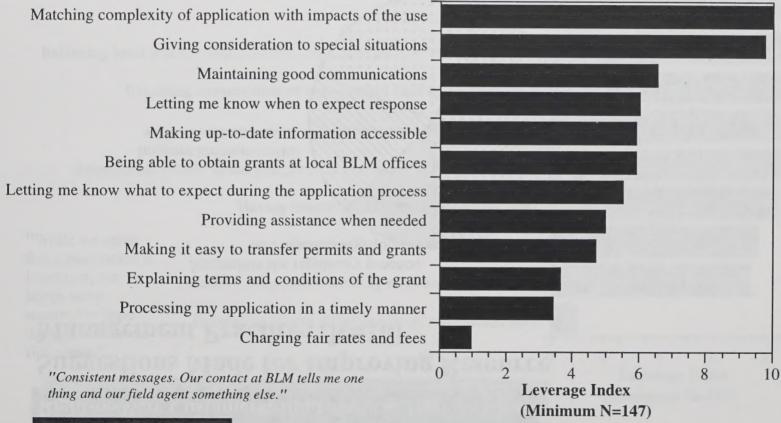


Effective management of multiple uses

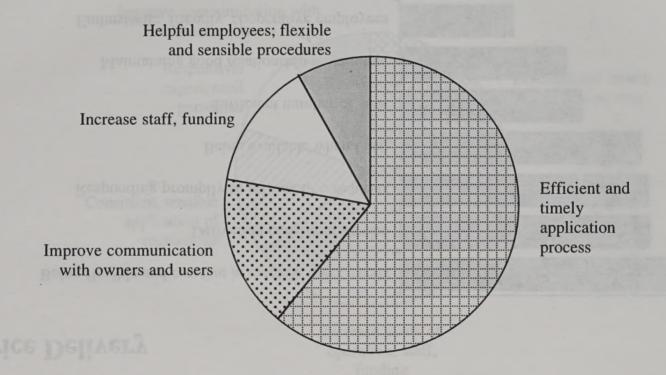
Consistent, sensible application of regulations

Processing Right-of-Way Grants

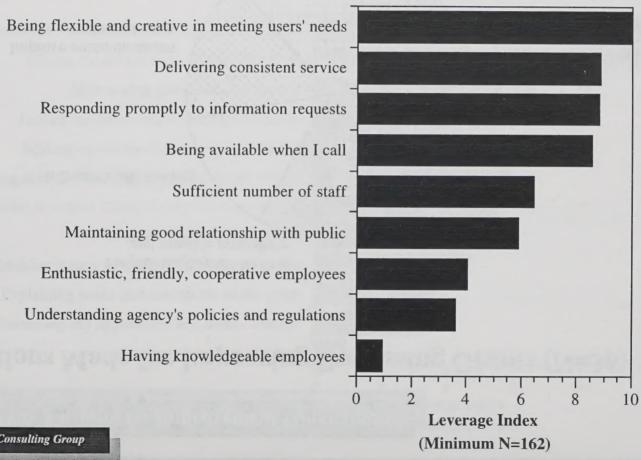
"More ability to interpret and apply the rules and regulations on a case by case basis. ESA is too cumbersome and punitive escalating the economic feasability of a project."



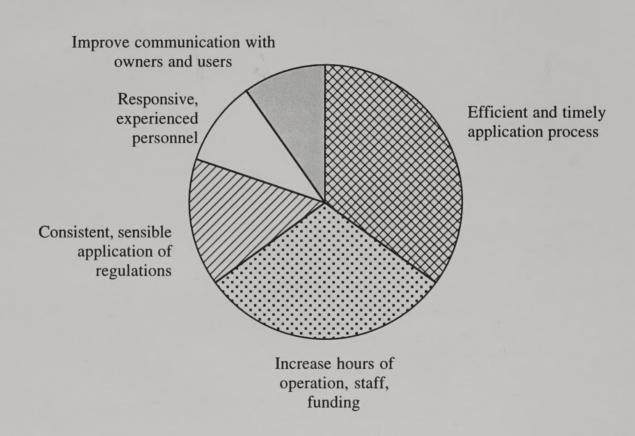
Suggestions Made for Improving Processing Grants (N=36)



Service Delivery



Suggestions Made for Improving Service Delivery (N=20)







Oil and Gas Lease Customers

Oil and Gas Lease Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Oil and Gas Lease Customers

- PCG moderators conducted focus groups in Reno, Nevada.
- Forest Service moderators conducted focus groups in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Use Authorization customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
- The survey questionnaire was reviewed and the items finalized by the Customer Service Lead Group. It was then pretested at field offices.

Oil and Gas Lease Customers: Overview

Oil and Gas Lease Customer Scorecard

Processing Leases and Authorizations

- Being able to obtain leases and authorizations at local BLM offices
- Making up-to-date information accessible
- Letting me know what to expect during the leasing process
- Matching the complexity and expense of the leasing process with the likely impacts of the use
- Letting me know when I can expect a response
- Charging fair rates and fees
- Processing my lease in a timely manner
- Maintaining good communications during the leasing and approval process
- Making it easy to transfer leases and authorizations to other users
- Giving consideration to special situations
- Providing assistance when needed to complete paperwork
- Explaining the terms and conditions of the lease or authorization

Service Delivery

- Having employees who are knowledgeable about my geographic area and its resources
- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Understanding the agency's policies and regulations
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Delivering consistent service
- Maintaining a good relationship with the public
- Being flexible and creative in meeting users' needs
- Being available when I call
- Responding promptly to information requests

Resource Management Practices

- Fostering a cooperative working relationship with operators and lessees
- Having reasonable maintenance requirements
- Providing helpful technical assistance to operators and lessees
- Responding quickly to publicly desired projects, proposals, and improvements
- Balancing local and national priorities when interpreting laws and policies
- Balancing the needs of multiple users
- Balancing conservation of the environment with applicants' needs
- Respecting Native
 American lands and
 cultural sites

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations
- Having fair enforcement policies
- Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate
- Ensuring fair and consistent policies for all operators and lessees
- Interpreting regulations consistently
- Providing adequate protest and appeal policies to resolve issues and disputes

Communicating with the Public

- Volunteering information to the public
- Providing consistent and timely information to the general public
- Making it easy for people to find out about proposed changes and public hearings
- Being open about the reasons for policy revisions
- Getting public input at the right point in the process
- Acting on public input when appropriate
- Including me in the land use planning process
- Educating all people about land uses and resource management
- Promoting BLM, its employees, and its mission to the public

Internal Management Practices

- Communicating among departments within my local BLM office
- Coordinating with other BLM offices
- Coordinating with other state and federal agencies
- Having effective communication and coordination between Washington and the field
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- Empowering local employees to evaluate risks and to make decisions
- Holding employees accountable
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- Being progressive to meet current needs

Oil and Gas Lease Customers: Respondent Profile

135 Completed Questionnaires Were Received from

Oil and Gas Lease Customers

State	Customer	Percent
СО	13	9.6%
ES	20	14.8%
MT	19	14.1%
WY	47	34.8%
Other (Unassigned)	36	27.6%
Total	135	100%

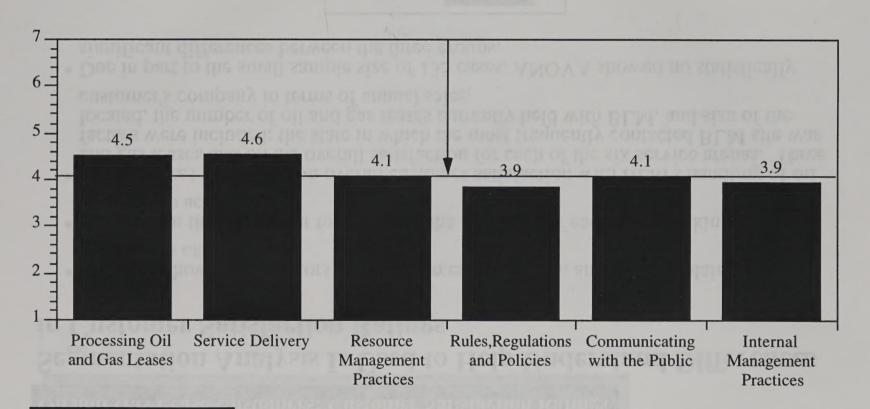
Number of Oil and Gas Leases Currently Held with BLM	Customer	Percent
1-10	43	34.1%
10-100	57	45.2%
More than 100	26	20.6%
Total	126	100%

Size of Company in Terms of Annual Sales	Customer	Percent
< \$100,000	26	24.3%
\$100,000 to \$1 million	36	33.6%
\$1-10 million	21	19.6%
> \$10 million	24	22.4%
Total	107	100%

Oil and Gas Lease Customers: Customer Satisfaction Ratings

Mean Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings

Overall mean satisfaction rating: 4.0

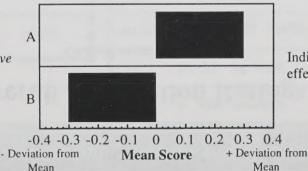


Oil and Gas Lease Customers: Customer Satisfaction Ratings

Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in Customer Satisfaction Ratings

- ANOVA shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor, taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on overall customer satisfaction with BLM's handling of oil and gas leases and on the overall satisfaction for each of the six service arenas. Three factors were included: the state in which the most frequently contacted BLM site was located, the number of oil and gas leases currently held with BLM, and size of the customer's company in terms of annual sales.
- Due in part to the small sample size of 135 cases, ANOVA showed no statistically significant differences between the three groups.

Indicates that the factor has a *negative* net effect on employee motivation



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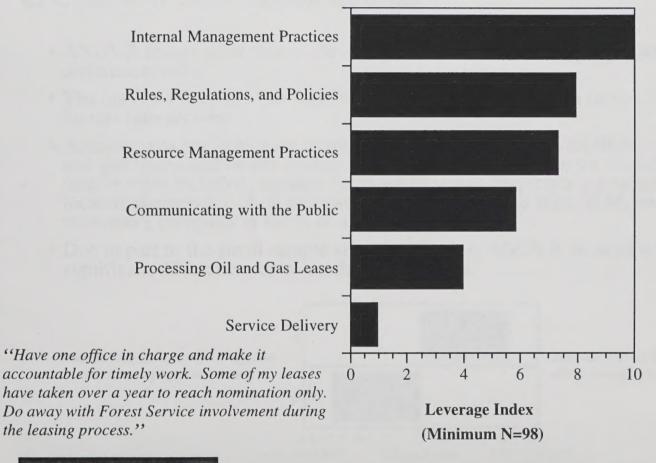
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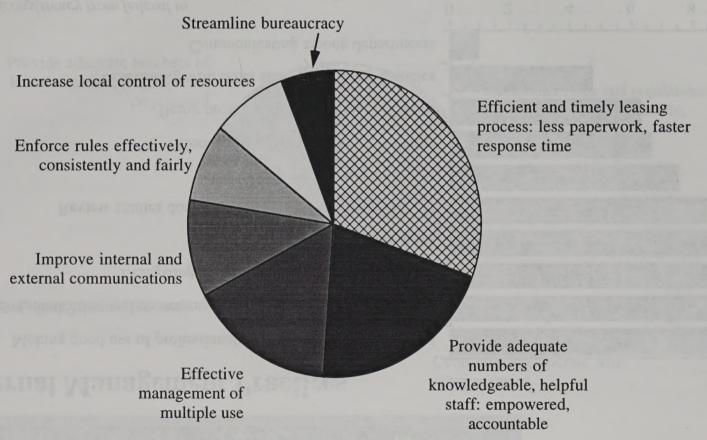
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Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage

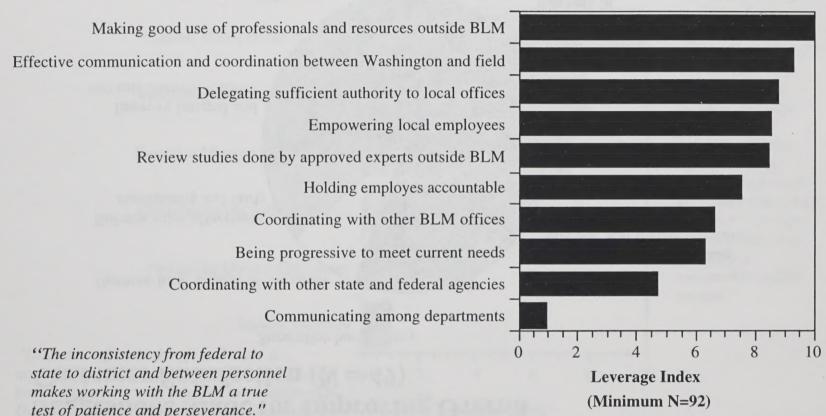


"It varies from office to office. Some offices understand the time and cost of Oil and Gas exploration and balance that with environmental concerns. Some offices have no practical approach to the Mineral business and look to put up barriers instead of reaching a reasonable middle ground."

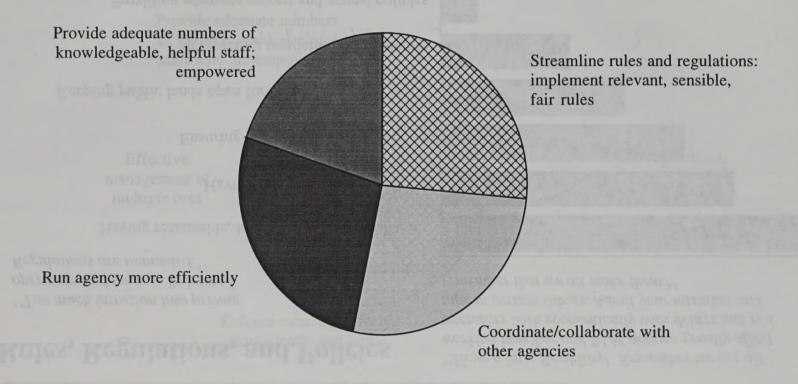
Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N = 49)



Internal Management Practices



Suggestions Made for Improving Internal Management Practices (N = 15)



Rules, Regulations, and Policies

"Too much intrusion into private operators and leases. Rules and Regulations are outmoded."

Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations

Having fair enforcement policies

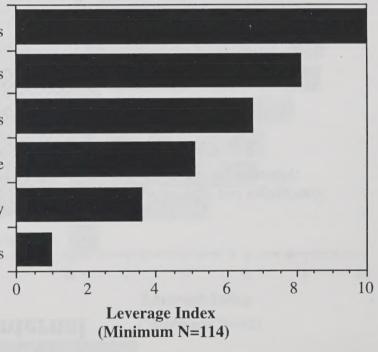
Ensuring fair and consistent policies

Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate

Interpreting regulations consistently

Providing adequate protest and appeal policies

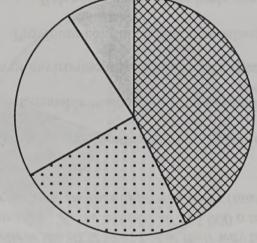
"Although the BLM office is supposed to be using the same set of regulations, no two offices answer the same way concerning most procedures. More often than not, if you proceed the way one office has instructed, if you're in another district, it will be wrong." "Have a little flexibility! Remember we are all working together and BLM actions greatly affect operators both economically with delays and red tape in certain things. Admit your mistakes and remember that we all make them."



Suggestions Made for Improving the Rules, Regulations, and Policies (N = 21)

Provide adequate numbers of knowledgeable, helpful staff who are empowered

Effective management of multiple uses

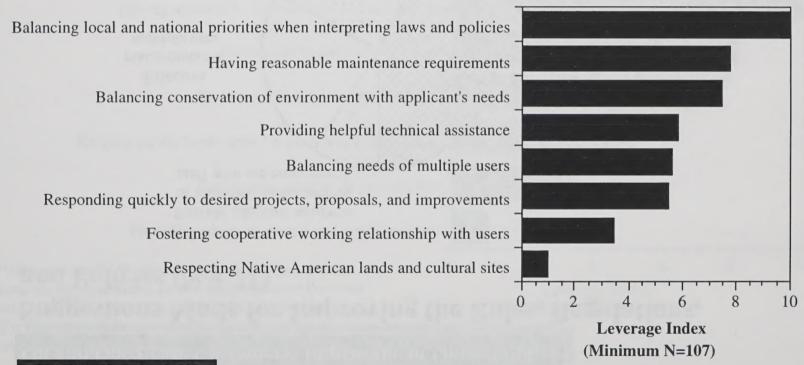


Enforce rules effectively, consistently and fairly

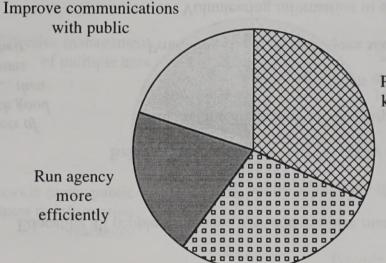
Streamline rules and regulations: implement relevant, sensible, fair rules

Resource Management Practices

"I believe the BLM goes out of their way to inhibit Oil and Gas production and exploration. At the expense of \$15,000 a tank has to be repainted from one approved color (tan) to another approved color (tan/sagebrush) to match the surroundings better?"



Suggestions Made for Improving Resource Management Practices (N = 18)

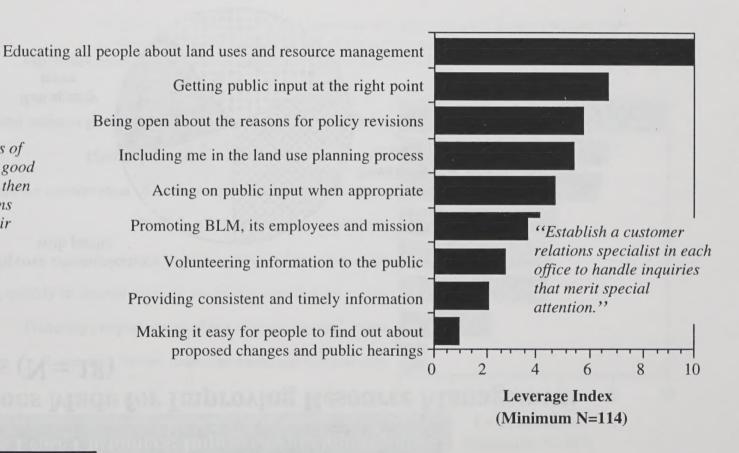


Provide adequate numbers of knowledgeable, helpful staff; empowered, accountable

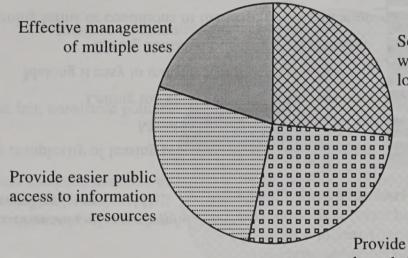
Increase hours of operation, staff, funding

Communicating with the Public

"BLM has lots of meetings with good public input... then forms programs tailored to their own intenal whims."



Suggestions Made for Improving Communicating with the Public (N = 15)



Seek out and act upon public input where appropriate; be informed about local needs and circumstances

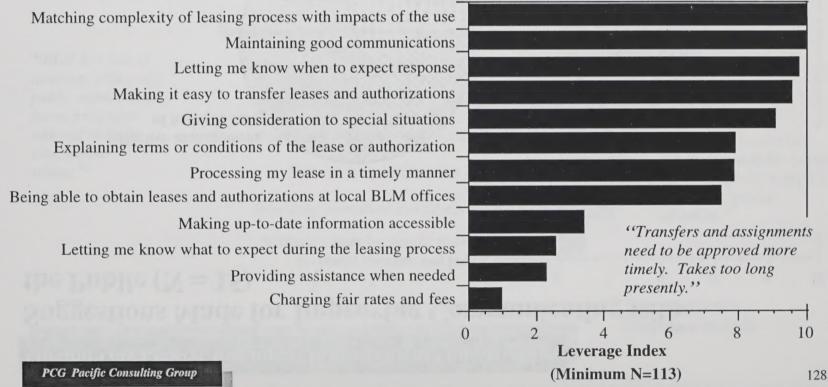
Provide adequate numbers of knowledgeable, helpful staff; empowered, accountable

Processing Permits and Authorizations

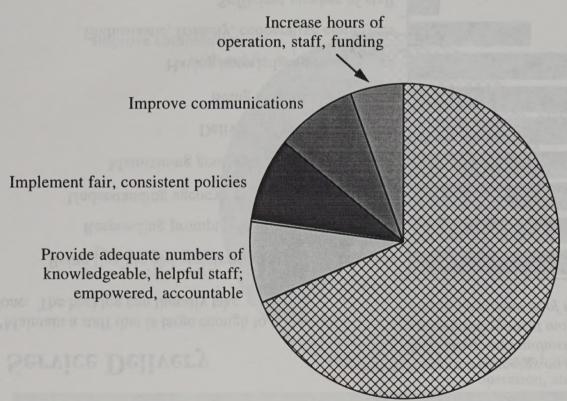
"Be service oriented and more helpful.

Better trained personnel."

"The leases requested by permittees should have priority to the next sale. If you have to wait 1 year to 18 months for a lease to come to auction you may loose other leases prior to the date and have to wait again. This makes putting a prospect together involving Federal acreage almost impossible."



Suggestions Made for Improving Processing Permits and Authorizations (N = 35)

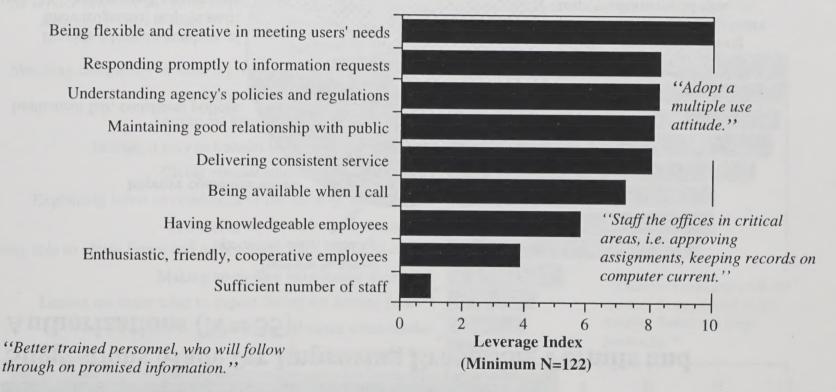


Efficient and timely leasing process: less paperwork, faster response/turnaround time

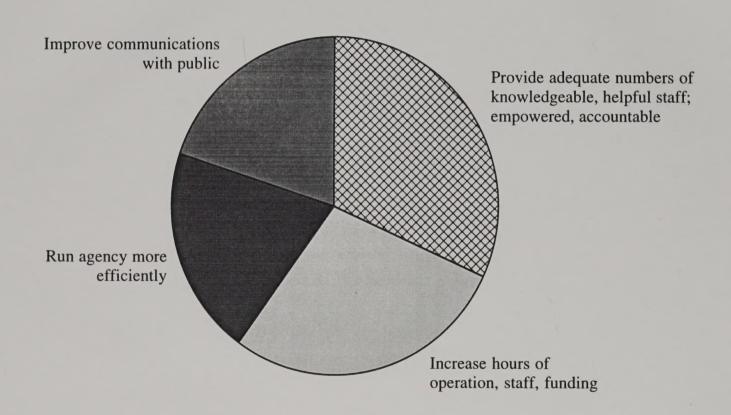
Service Delivery

"Maintain a staff that is large enough to get things done. The backlog can literally take years."

"Spend less energy on inconsequential details. Give local level employees authority to adjust requirements when reasonable, without making leasee or employee jump through a mountain of red tape to cause an adjustment."



Suggestions Made for Improving Service Delivery (N = 25)







Mining Claim Recordation Customers

Mining Claim Recordation Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Mining Claim Recordation Claimants

- PCG moderators conducted focus groups in Reno, Nevada.
- Forest Service moderators conducted focus groups in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Use Authorization customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
 - The Customer Service lead group finalized the questionnaire items. The questionnaire was then pretested at field locations.

Mining Claim Recordation Customers: Overview

Complete Customer Scorecard for Mining Claim Recordation

Recordation of Mining Claims

- Making up-to-date information accessible
- Letting me know what to expect during the filing and recording process
- Letting me know when I can expect a response
- Charging fair rates and fees
- Processing my documents in a timely manner
- Maintaining good communications during the filing and recording process
- Giving consideration to special situations
- Providing assistance when needed to complete paperwork

Service Delivery

- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Understanding the agency's policies and regulations
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Delivering consistent service
- Maintaining a good relationship with claimants
- Being flexible and creative in meeting claimants' needs
- Being available when I call
- Responding promptly to my information requests

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations
- Having fair enforcement policies
- Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate
- Ensuring fair and consistent policies for all users
- Interpreting regulations consistently
- Providing adequate protest and appeal policies to resolve issues and disputes

Communicating with the Public

- Volunteering information to the public
- Providing consistent and timely information to the general public
- Making it easy for people to find out about proposed changes
- Being open about the reasons for policy revisions
- Promoting BLM, its employees, and its mission to the public

Internal Management Practices

- Communicating among departments within the BLM office that are responsible for recording my documents
- Coordinating with other BLM offices
- Coordinating with other state and federal agencies
- Having effective communication and coordination between Washington and the field
- Delegating sufficient authority to the BLM office responsible for recording my documents
- Holding employees accountable
- Making good use of resources and professionals in counties and in other federal agencies
- Being progressive to meet current needs

Mining Claim Recordation Customers: Respondent Profile

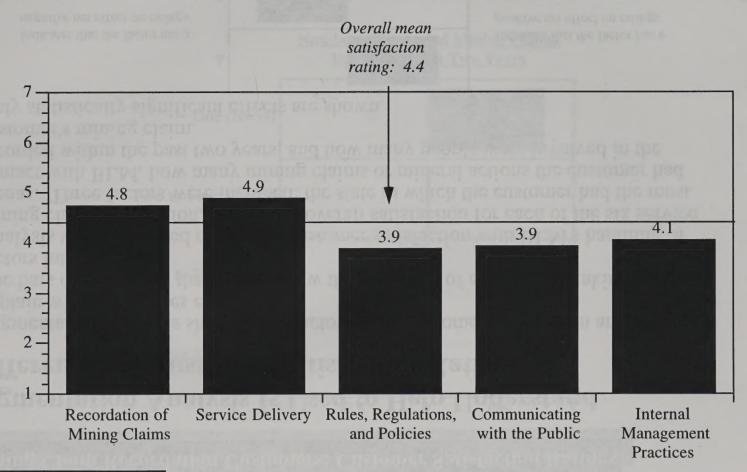
260 Completed Questionnaires Were Received from Mining Claim Recordation Customers

<u>State</u>	Customer	Percent
AZ	59	22.7%
CA	67	25.8%
NV	64	24.6%
UT	35	13.5%
Other (Unassigned)	35	13.5%
Total	260	100%

Number of Mining Claims	Customer	Percent
One	57	22.7%
Two to four	69	27.5%
Five to ten	53	21.1%
Over ten	72	28.7%
Total	251	100%

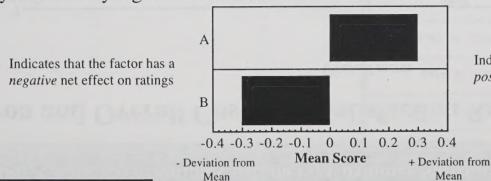
Number of People Involved in Mining Claim	Customer	<u>Percent</u>
One	33	13.1%
Two to four	133	52.8%
Five to ten	43	17.1%
Eleven to fifty	21	8.3%
Over fifty	22	8.7%
Total	252	100%

Arena and Overall Customer Satisfaction Ratings



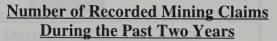
Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in Customer Satisfaction Ratings

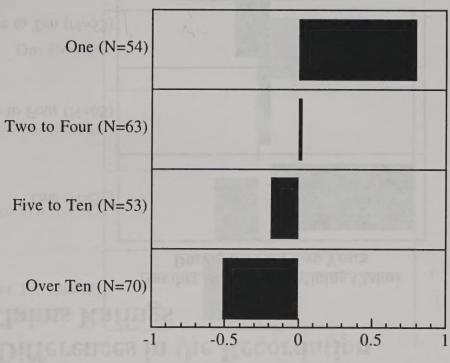
- Segmentation Analysis shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor, taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on overall customer satisfaction with BLM's handling of mining claim recordation, and on the overall satisfaction for each of the six service arenas. Three factors were included: the state in which the customer had the most contact with BLM, how many mining claims or mineral actions the customer had recorded within the past two years, and how many people were involved in the customer's mining claim.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.



Indicates that the factor has a positive net effect on ratings

Significant Differences in Overall Customer Satisfaction Ratings

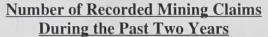


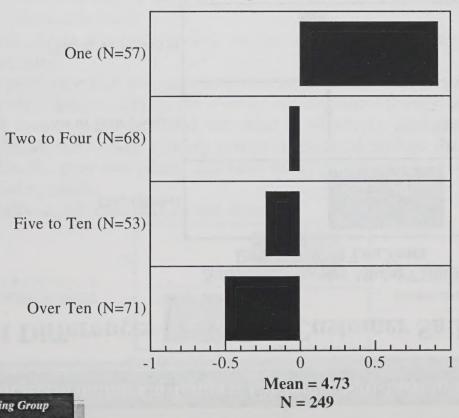


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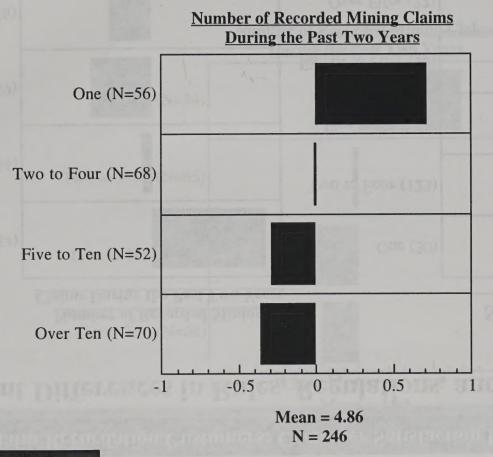
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Significant Differences in the Recordation of Mining Claims Ratings

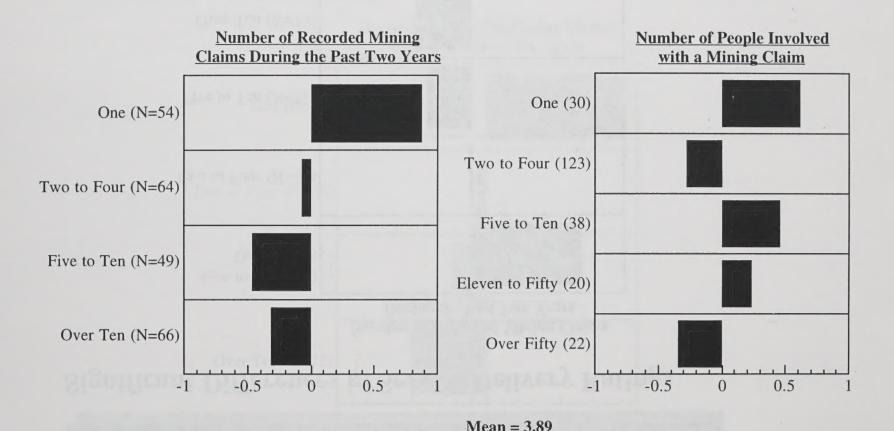




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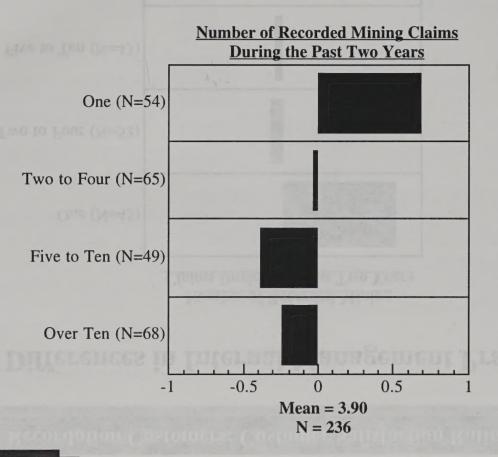


Significant Differences in Rules, Regulations, and Policy Ratings

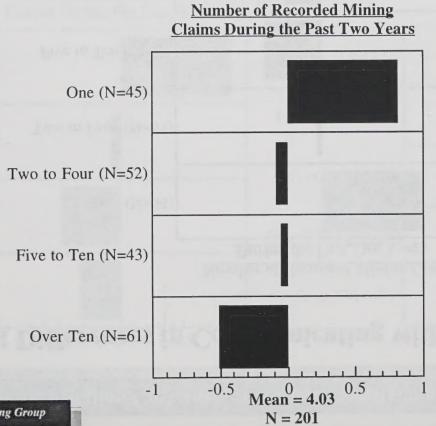


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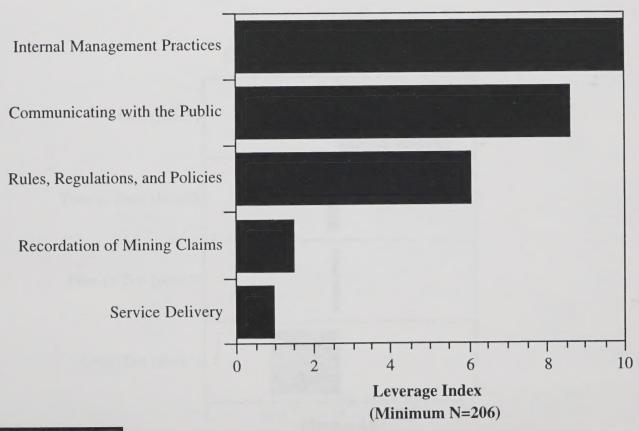
Significant Differences in Communicating with the Public Ratings



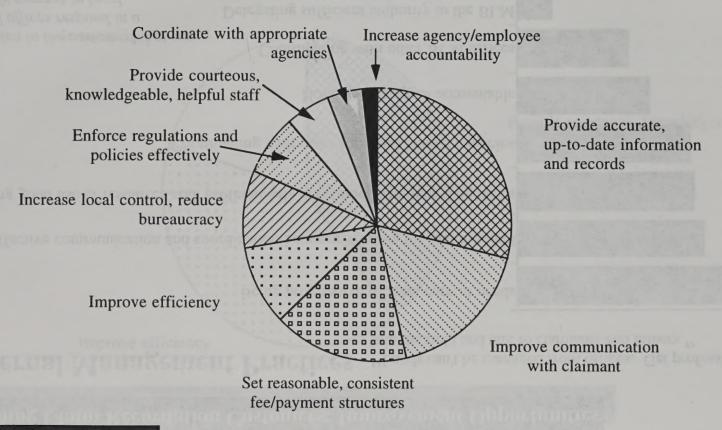
Significant Differences in Internal Management Practice Ratings



Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage

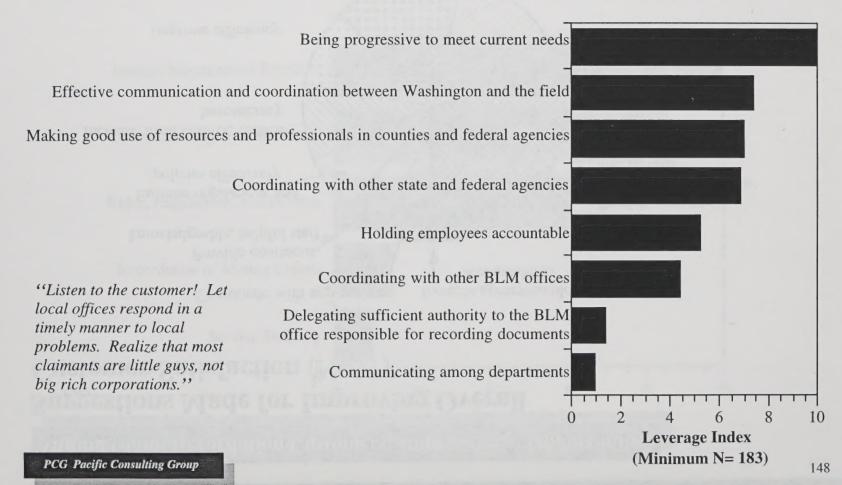


Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N=97)

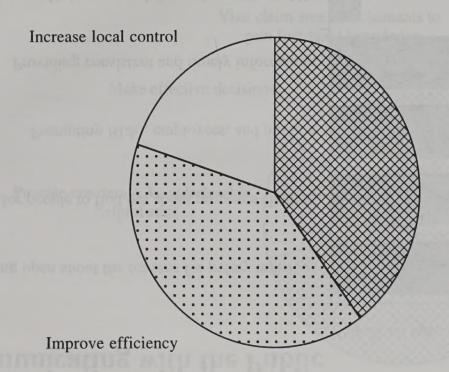


Internal Management Practices

"Lands can't be managed from offices. Get professionals into the field and talk to claimants and miners."



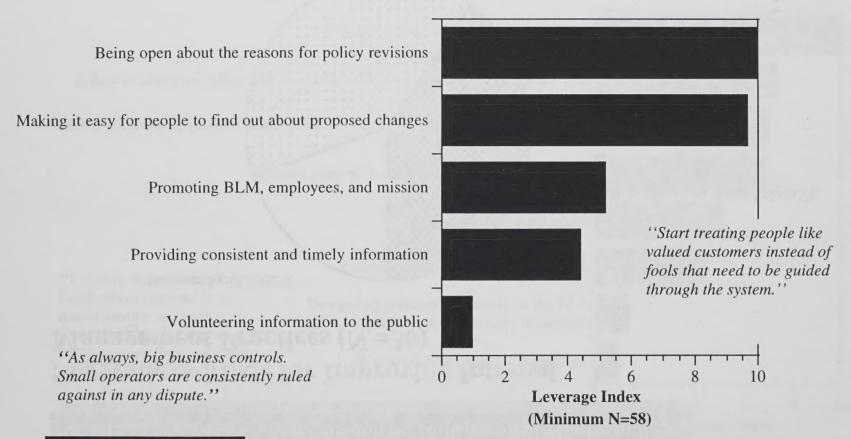
Suggestions Made for Improving Internal Management Practices (N = 30)



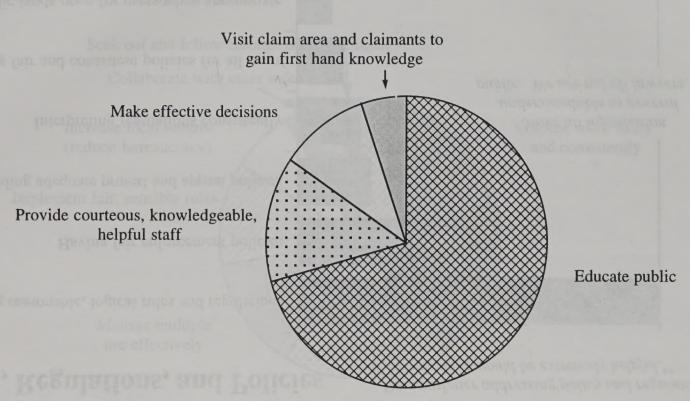
Provide courteous, knowledgeable, helpful staff

Communicating with the Public

"Make all information understandable to general public."

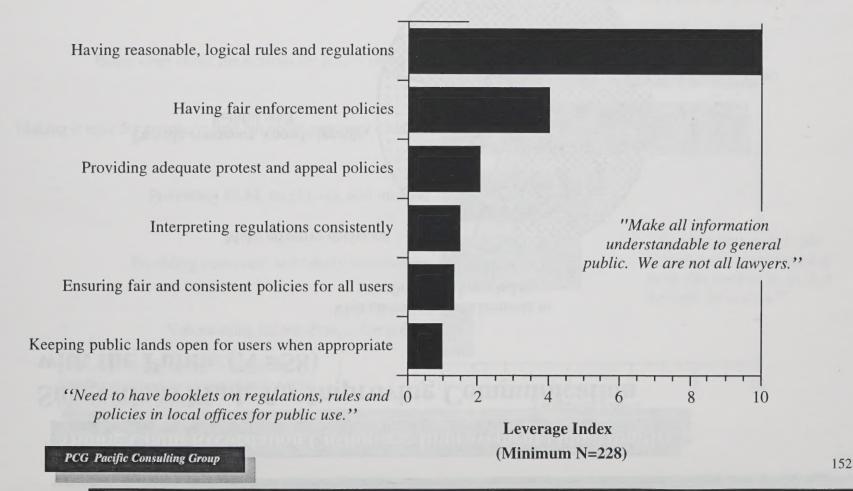


Suggestions Made for Improving Communication with the Public (N = 58)

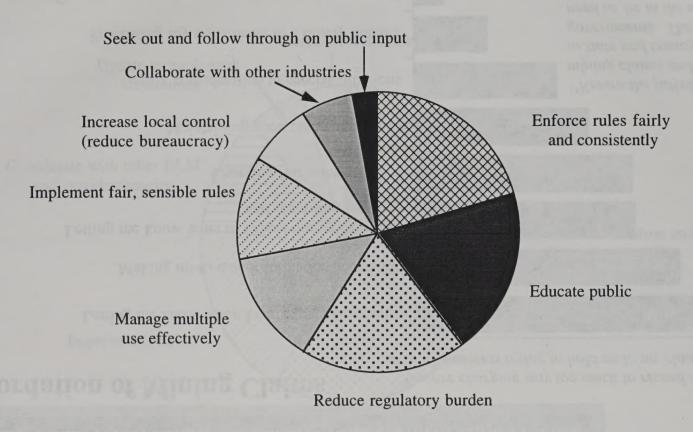


Rules, Regulations, and Policies

"A newsletter addressing policy and regulation changes would be extremely helpful."

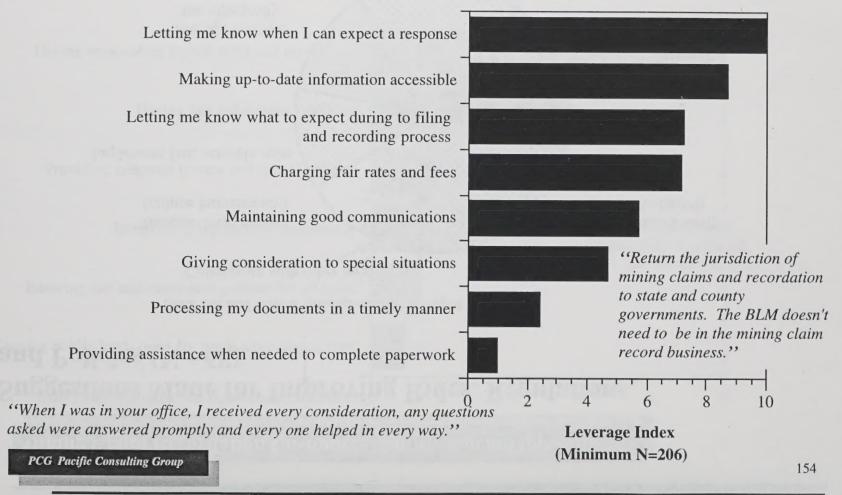


Suggestions Made for Improving Rules, Regulations, and Policies (N = 68)

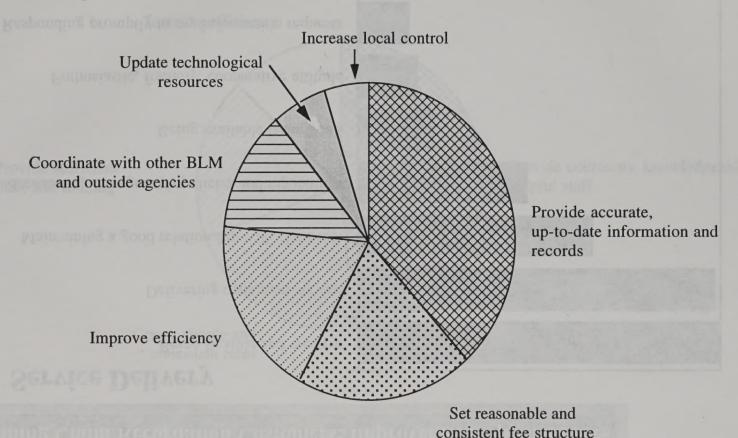


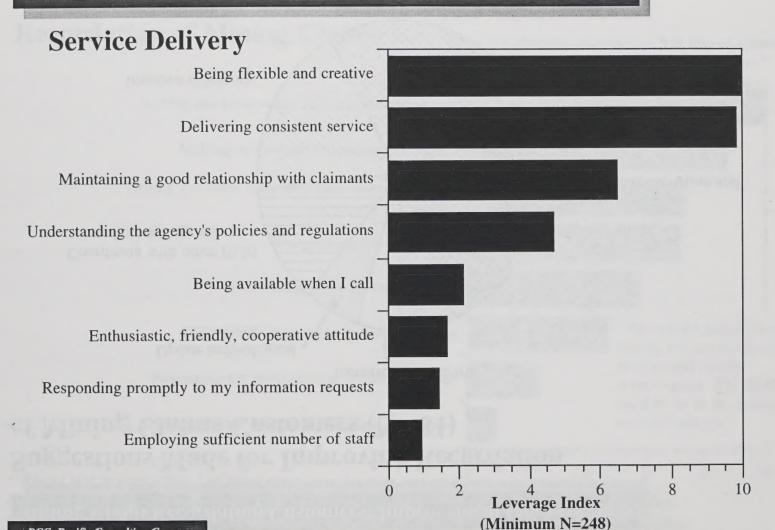
Recordation of Mining Claims

"You are charging way too much to record claims. I'm a small business trying to hold on to my claims."

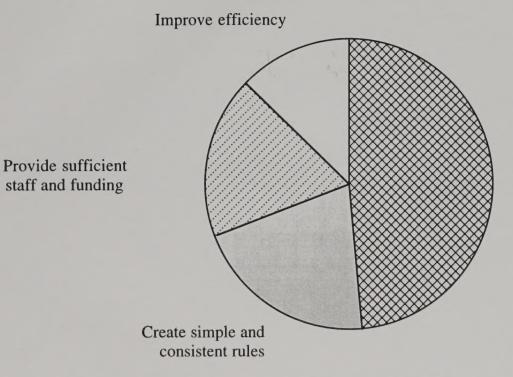


Suggestions Made for Improving Recordation of Mining Claims Customers (N = 81)





Suggestions Made for Improving Service Delivery (N = 39)



Provide courteous, knowledgeable, helpful staff





Grazing Permit and Lease Customers

Grazing Permit and Lease Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Grazing Permittees

- PCG moderators conducted focus groups in Reno, Nevada.
- Forest Service moderators conducted focus groups in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Use Authorization customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
- The questionnaire items were finalized by the Customer Service lead group and it was pretested at field locations.

Grazing Permit and Lease Customers: Overview

Grazing Permit and Lease Customer Scorecard

Processing Permits and Authorizations

- Being able to obtain permits and leases at local BLM offices
- Making up-to-date information accessible
- Letting me know what to expect during the application process
- Matching the complexity and expense of the application with the likely impacts of the use
- Letting me know when I can expect a response
- Charging fair rates and fees
- Processing annual grazing applications in a timely manner
- Maintaining good communications during the permit process
- Making it easy to transfer leases, permits, and authorizations to other users
- Giving consideration to special situations
- Providing assistance when needed to complete paperwork
- Explaining the terms and conditions of the permit or lease

Service Delivery

- Having employees who are knowledgeable about my geographic area and its resources
- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Understanding the agency's policies and regulations
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Delivering consistent service
- Maintaining a good relationship with the public
- Being flexible and creative in meeting users' needs
- Being available when I call
- Responding promptly to information requests

Resource Management Practices

- Fostering a cooperative working relationship with users
- Having reasonable maintenance requirements
- Providing helpful technical assistance to applicants and permittees
- Responding quickly to publicly desired projects, proposals, and improvements
- Balancing local and national priorities when interpreting laws and policies
- Balancing the needs of multiple users
 Balancing conservation
- Balancing conservation of the environment with applicants' needs
- Respecting Native American lands and cultural sites

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations
- Having fair enforcement policies
- Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate
- Ensuring fair and consistent policies for all applicants and permittees
- Interpreting regulations consistently
- Providing adequate protest and appeal policies to resolve issues and disputes

Communicating with the Public

- Volunteering information to the public
- Providing consistent and timely information to the general public
- Making it easy for people to find out about proposed changes and public hearings
- Being open about the reasons for policy revisions
- Getting public input at the right point in the process
- Acting on public input when appropriate
- Including me in the land-use planning process
- Educating all people about land uses and resource management
- Promoting BLM, its employees, and its mission to the public

Internal Management Practices

- Communicating among departments within my local BLM office
- Coordinating with other BLM offices
- Coordinating with other state and federal agencies
- Having effective communication and coordination between Washington and the field
- Delegating sufficient authority to local BLM offices
- Empowering local employees to evaluate risks and to make decisions
- Holding employees accountable
- Making good use of resources and professionals outside BLM
- Performing an appropriate level of review of studies done by approved experts outside BLM
- Being progressive to meet current needs

Grazing Permit and Lease Customers: Respondent Profile

357 Completed Questionnaires Were Received From Grazing Permit and Lease Customers

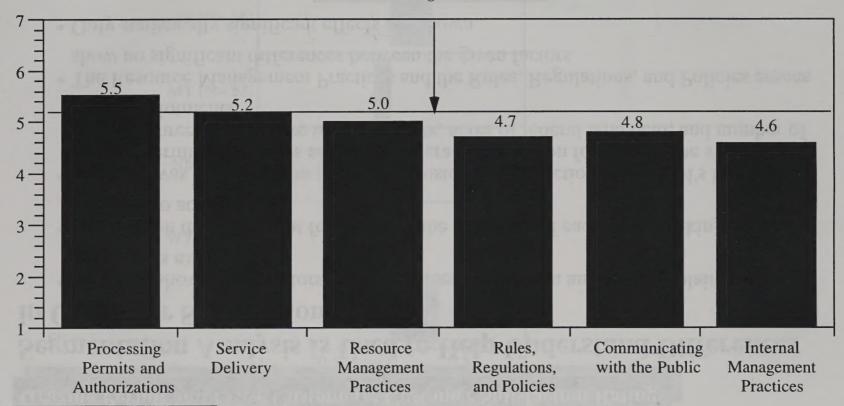
<u>State</u>	Customers	Percent
ID	74	20.7%
MT	65	18.2%
NM	99	27.7%
WY	73	20.4%
Other (Unassigned)	46	12.9%
Total	357	100%

Acres of Federal Land Held through Leases or Permits	Customers	Percent
< 10,000	234	76.5%
10,000-50,000	52	17.0%
> 50,000	20	6.5%
Total	306	100%

Number of Grazing Allotments Currently Held from BLM	Customers	Percent
One	200	59.9%
Two to three	110	32.9%
Four or more	24	7.2%
Total	334	100%

Mean Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings

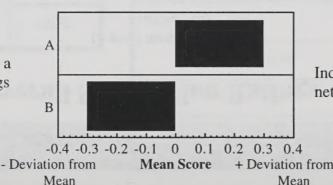
Overall mean satisfaction rating: 5.1



Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in Customer Satisfaction

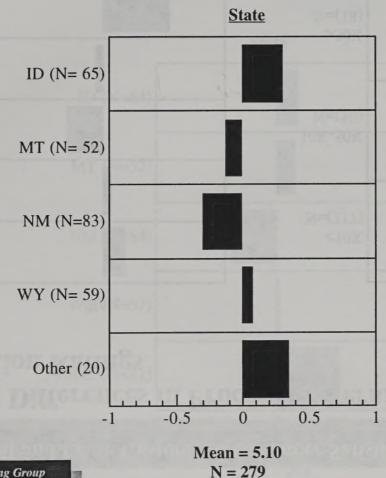
- ANOVA shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor, taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on the overall customer satisfaction with BLM's handling of grazing permits and leases and on the overall satisfaction for each of the six service arenas. Three factors were included: state, acres of federal land held, and number of grazing allotments.
- The Resource Management Practices and the Rules, Regulations, and Policies arenas show no significant differences between the given factors.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.

Indicates that the factor has a *negative* net effect on ratings

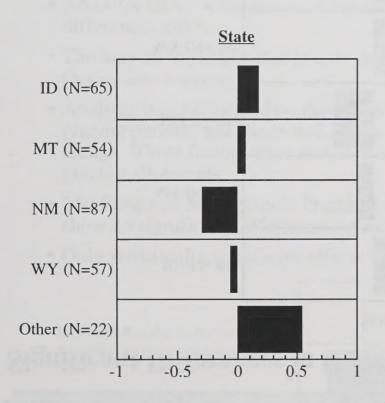


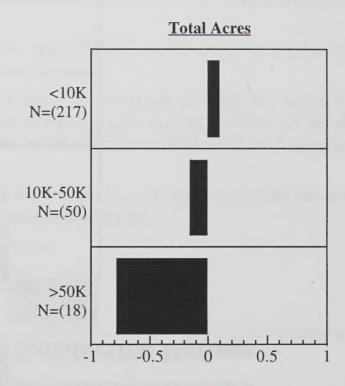
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Significant Differences in Overall Satisfaction Ratings



Significant Differences in Processing Permits and Authorization Ratings



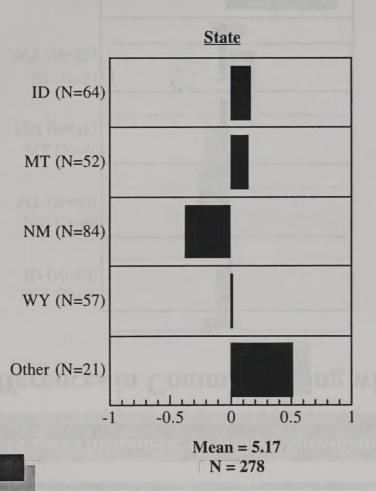


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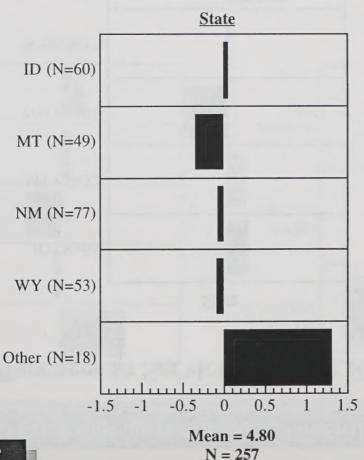
Grazing Permit and Lease Customers: Customer Satisfaction Ratings

Significant Differences in Service Delivery Ratings



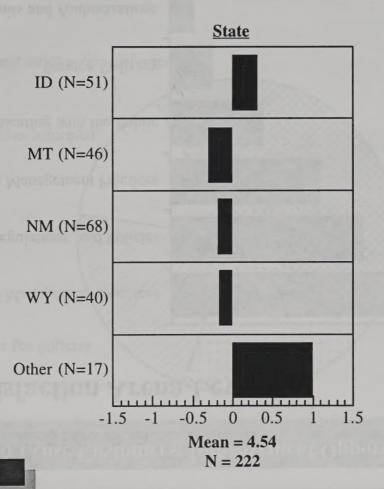
Grazing Permit and Lease Customers: Customer Satisfaction Ratings

Significant Differences in Communicating with the Public Ratings

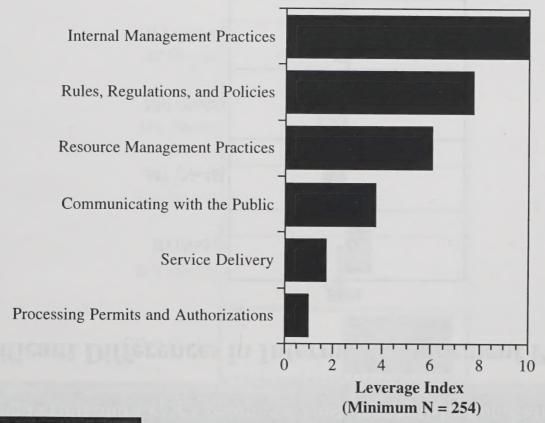


Grazing Permit and Lease Customers: Customer Satisfaction Ratings

Significant Differences in Internal Management Practices Ratings

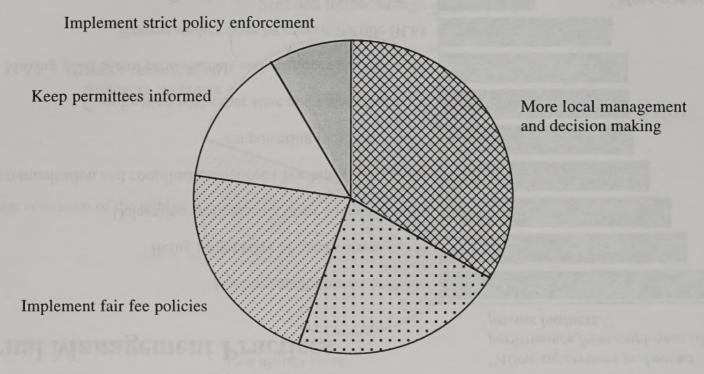


Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage

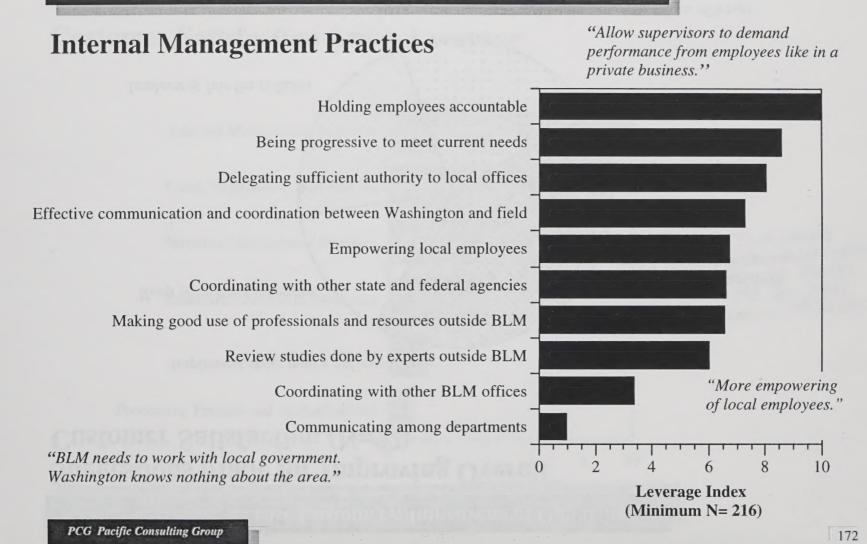


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Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N=92)

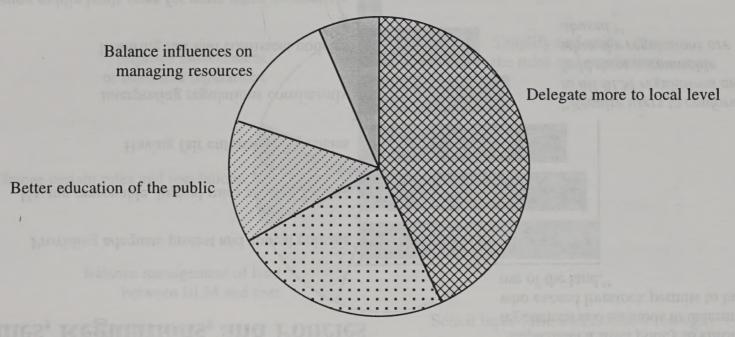


Make management more efficient



Suggestions Made for Improving Internal Management Practices (N = 30)

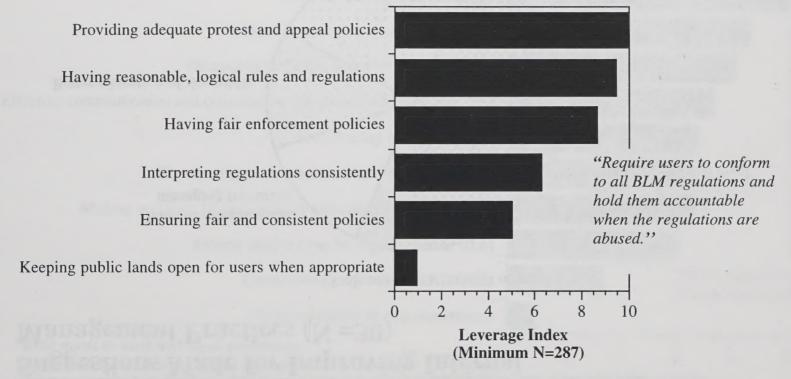
Seek and follow through on public input



Run agency more efficiently; eliminate waste

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

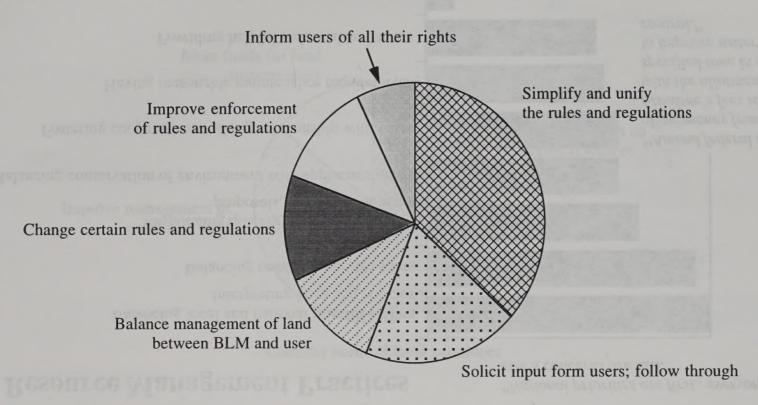
"Implement a strict policy to enforce BLM regulations and methods to determine users who exceed livestock permits to balance the use of the land."



"Too many rules and regulations, simplify."

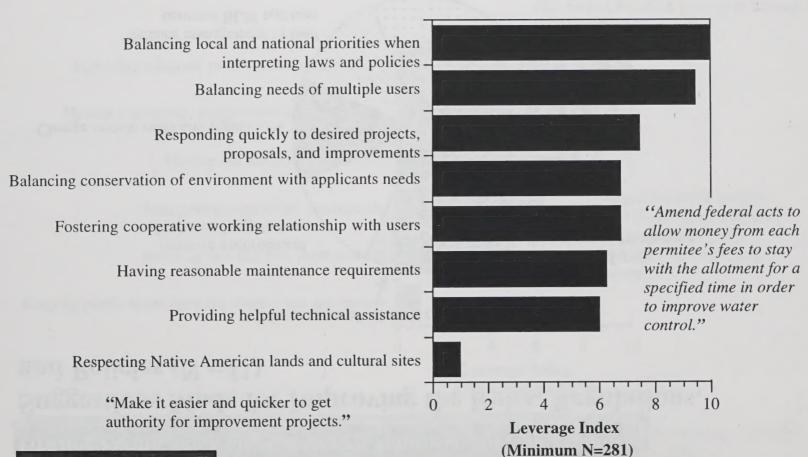
"Support users who maintain and improve multiople use land, and restrict those who abuse it."

Suggestions Made for Improving the Rules, Regulations, and Policies (N =41)

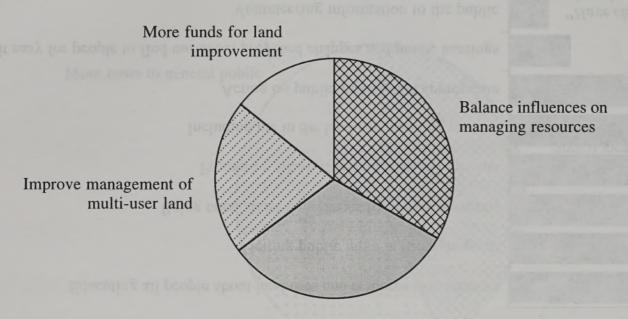


Resource Management Practices

"National priorities are first,. everyone else's concerns are last."



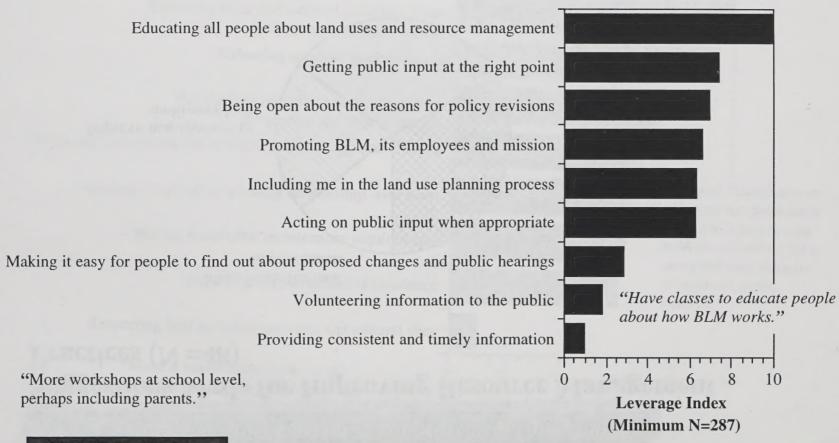
Suggestions Made for Improving Resource Management Practices (N = 48)



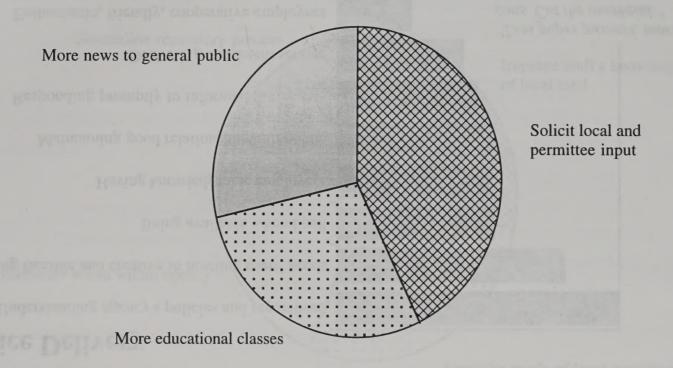
Consider needs of local permittees

Communicating with the Public

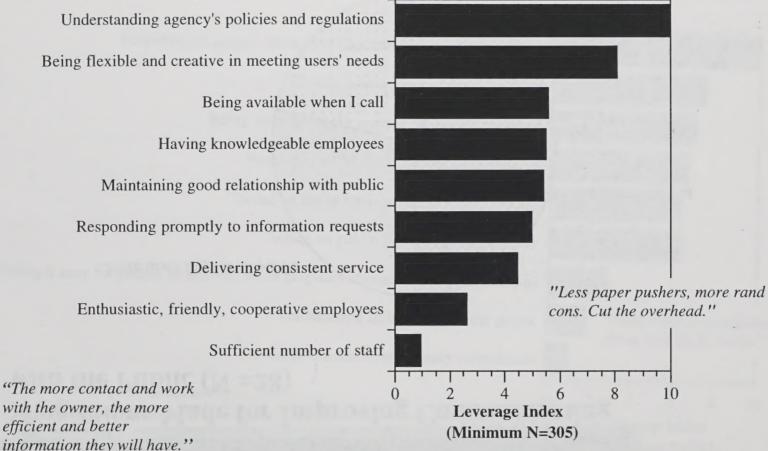
"Apply more input from users (ranchers)."



Suggestions Made for Improving Communicating with the Public (N = 28)

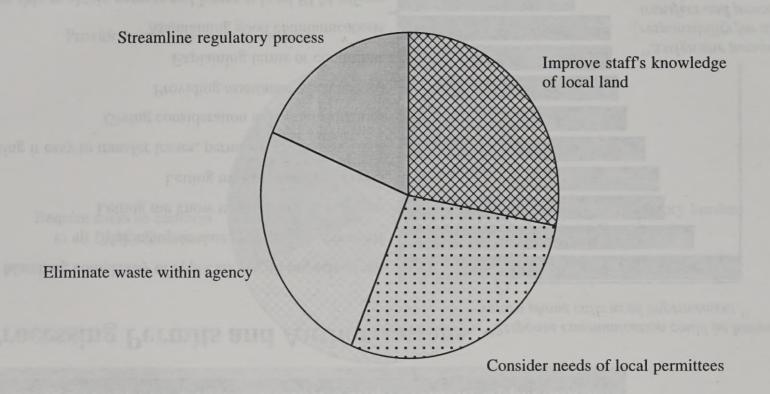


Service Delivery



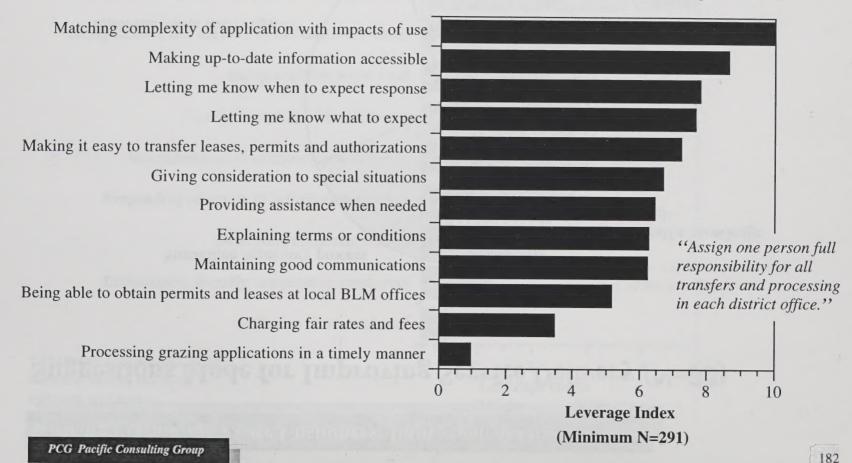
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Suggestions Made for Improving Service Delivery (N=32)



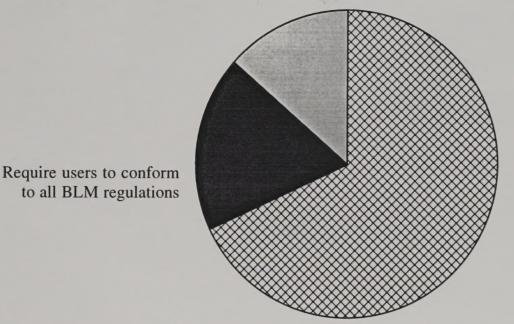
Processing Permits and Authorizations

"Response communication could be better, the return phone calls need improvement."



Suggestions Made for Improving Processing Permits and Authorizations (N = 21)

Provide better responses to inquiries



Reduce regulatory burden; streamline process





Recreational Permit Customers

Recreational Permit Customers: Overview

Focus Groups Were Conducted to Construct the Net Impression® Framework for Recreational Permit Customers

- PCG moderators conducted focus groups in Reno, Nevada.
- Forest Service moderators conducted focus groups in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Use Authorization customer expectations formed the basis for questions contained in the questionnaire.
- The survey questionnaire was reviewed and the items finalized by the Customer Service Lead Group. It was then pretested at field locations.

Recreational Permit Customers: Overview

Recreational Permit Customer Scorecard

Processing Permits and Authorizations

- Being able to obtain permits at local BLM offices
- Making up-to-date information accessible
- Letting me know what to expect during the
- application process

 Matching the complexity and expense of the application with the likely impacts of the use
- Letting me know when I can expect a response
- Charging fair rates and fees
- Processing my application in a timely manner
- Maintaining good communications during the permit process
- Giving consideration to special situations
- Providing assistance when needed to complete paperwork
- Explaining the terms and conditions of the permit or authorization

Service Delivery

- Having employees who are knowledgeable about my geographic area and its resources
- Showing enthusiasm and having a friendly, cooperative attitude
- Understanding the agency's policies and regulations
- Employing a sufficient number of staff for the work load
- Delivering consistent service
- Maintaining a good relationship with the public
- Being flexible and creative in meeting users' needs
- Being available when I call
- Responding promptly to information requests

Resource Management Practices

- Fostering a cooperative working relationship with users
- Having reasonable maintenance requirements
- Providing helpful technical assistance to applicants and permittees
- Responding quickly to publicly desired projects, proposals, and improvements
- Balancing local and national priorities when interpreting laws and policies
- Balancing the needs of multiple users
- Balancing conservation of the environment with applicants' needs
- Respecting Native American lands and cultural sites

Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- Having reasonable, logical rules and regulations
- Having fair enforcement policies
- Keeping public lands open for users when appropriate
- Ensuring fair and consistent policies for all applicants and permittees
- Interpreting regulations consistently
- Providing adequate protest and appeal policies to resolve issues and disputes

Communicating with the Public

- Volunteering information to the public
- Providing consistent and timely information to the general public
- Making it easy for people to find out about proposed changes and public hearings
- Being open about the reasons for policy revisions
- Getting public input at the right point in the process
- Acting on public input when appropriate
- Including me in the land use planning process
- Educating all people about land uses and resource management
- Promoting BLM, its employees, and its mission to the public

Internal Management Practices

- Communicating among departments within my local BLM office
- Coordinating with other BLM offices
- Coordinating with other state and federal agencies
- Having effective communication and coordination between Washington and the field
- Delegating sufficient authority to local BLM offices
- Empowering local employees to evaluate risks and to make decisions
- Holding employees accountable
- Making good use of resources and professionals outside BLM
- Performing an appropriate level of review of studies done by approved experts outside BLM
- Being progressive to meet current needs

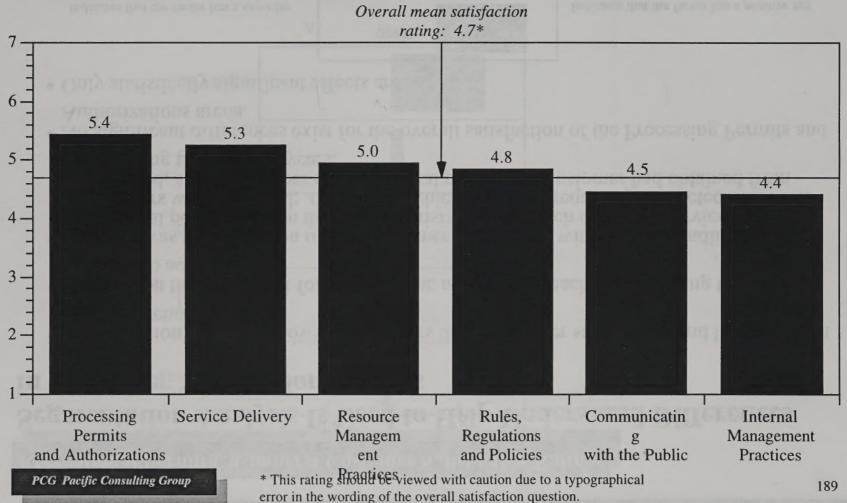
Recreational Permit Customers: Respondent Profile

346 Surveys Were Received From Recreational Permit Customers

State	Customers	<u>Percent</u>
CA	36	10.4%
СО	100	28.9%
OR	67	19.4%
UT	93	26.9%
Other (Unassigned)	50	14.5%
Total	346	100%

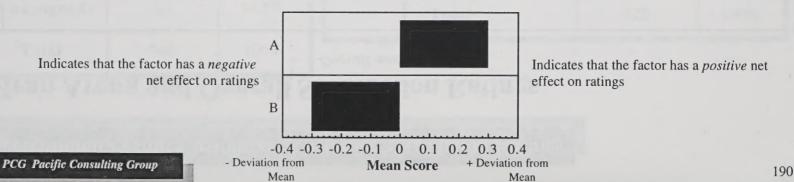
Number of Permits Obtained in Past Two Years	Customers	Percent
One	66	20.5%
Two to three	189	58.7%
Four or more	67	20.8%
Total	322	100%

Mean Arena and Overall Satisfaction Ratings

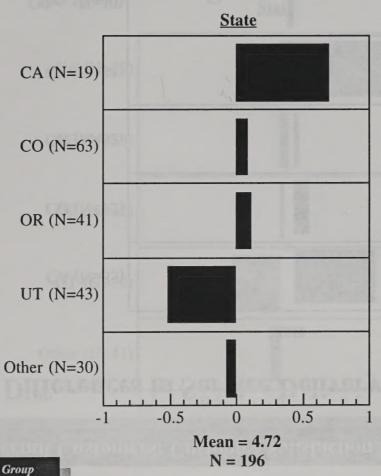


Segmentation Analysis Is Used to Help Understand Differences in Customer Satisfaction Ratings

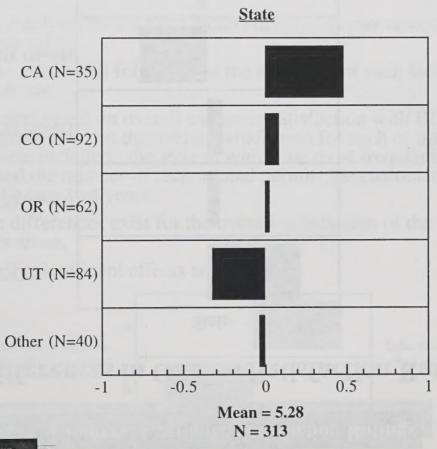
- Segmentation Analysis shows what factors drive customer satisfaction and helps explain why differences exist.
- The bars on the charts that follow show the net effect of each factor, taking the other factors into account.
- Analysis was performed on overall customer satisfaction with BLM's handling of recreational permits and on the overall satisfaction for each of the six service arenas. Two factors were included: the state in which the most frequently contacted BLM site was located, and the number of recreational permits the customer had obtained from BLM during the past two years.
- No significant differences exist for the overall satisfaction of the Processing Permits and Authorizations arena.
- Only statistically significant effects are shown.



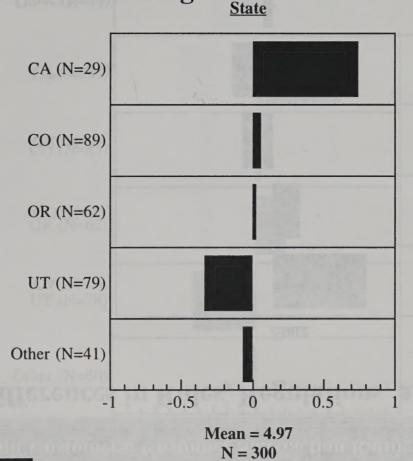
Significant Differences in Overall Satisfaction Ratings



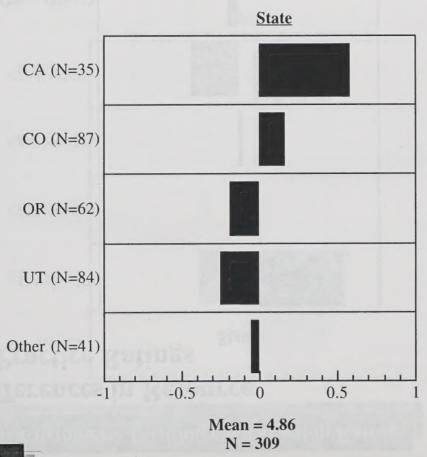
Significant Differences in Service Delivery Ratings



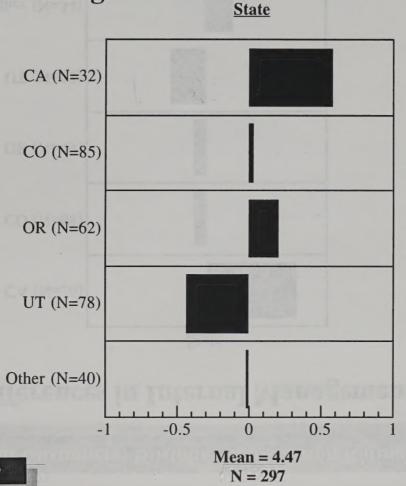
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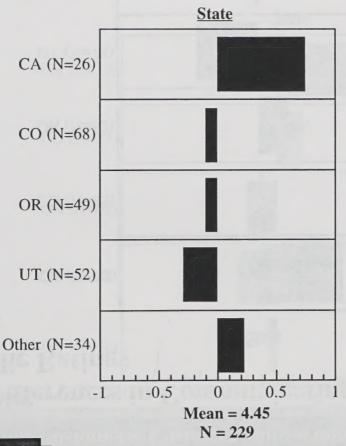
Significant Differences in Rules, Regulations, and Policies Ratings



Significant Differences in Communicating with the Public Ratings

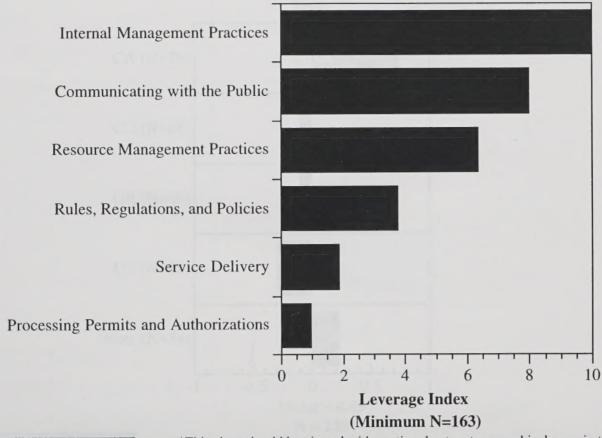


Significant Differences in Internal Management Practice Ratings



Recreational Permit Customers: Improvement Opportunities

Customer Satisfaction Arena Leverage*



*This chart should be viewed with caution due to a typographical error in the wording of the overall satisfaction question. Subsequent leverage charts are unaffected by this error.

Recreational Permit Customers: Improvement Opportunities

Suggestions Made for Improving Overall Customer Satisfaction (N = 99)

More local control: BLM better informed about local needs and circumstances

Seek and follow through on public input

Effective management of multiple uses

Friendly, responsive, knowledgeable personnel; adequate manpower

Better education of the public

Rules enforced effectively and consistently

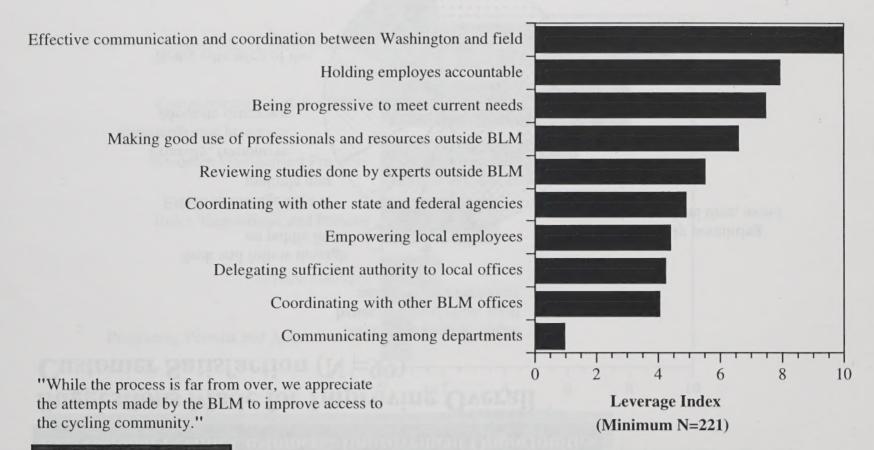
Efficient and timely permitting process: adequate lead time, avoid redundancy

Accommodate a variety of users: flexible deadlines, convenient payment schedules

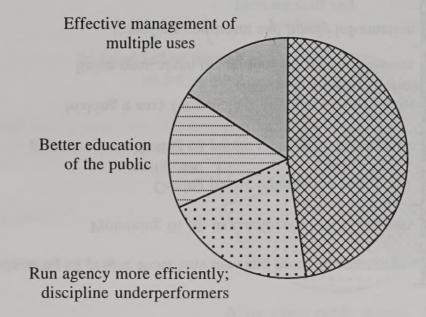
Recreational Permit Customers: Improvement Opportunities

Internal Management Practices

"No communication: piles of paper, but no action."



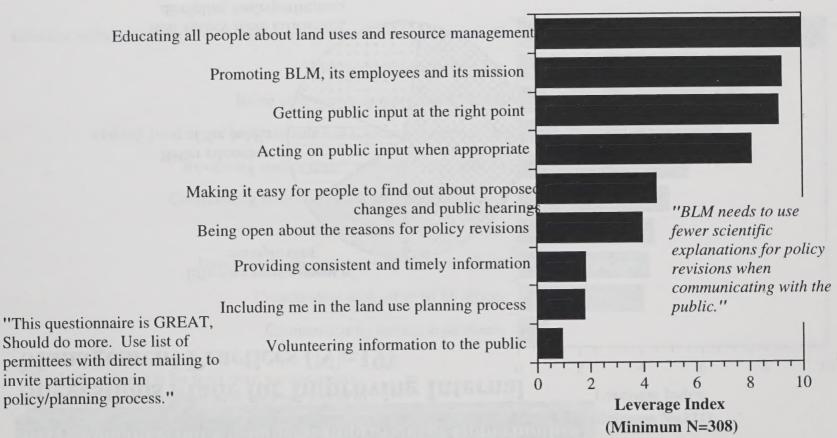
Suggestions Made for Improving Internal Management Practices (N = 19)



More local control; BLM better informed about local needs and circumstances

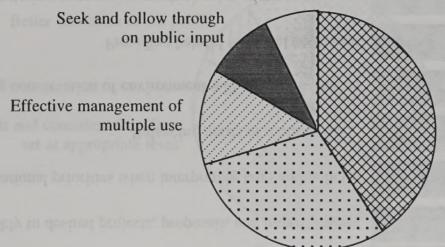
Communicating with the Public

"Be more open with documents, not make certain items such a mystery."



Suggestions Made for Improving Communicating with the Public (N = 54)

Increase staff and funding

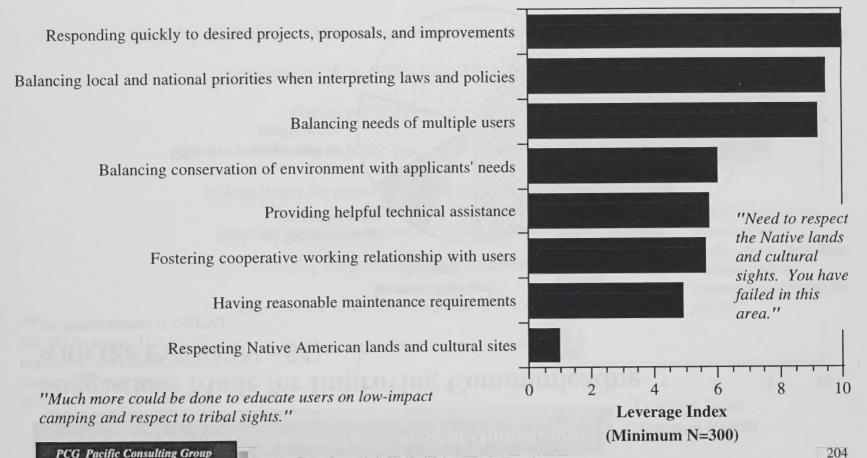


Better education of the public

Allow easier public access to information; greater openness

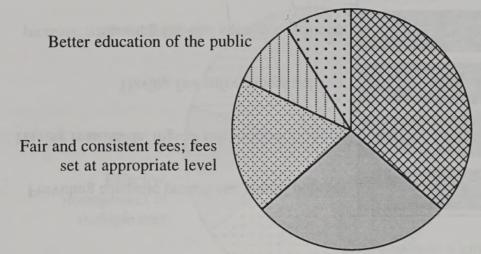
Resource Management Practices

"To take into consideration the type of permit being issued. They treat all recreational permits the same where all events are not the same."



Suggestions Made for Improving Resource Management Practices (N = 33)

Increase staff and funding

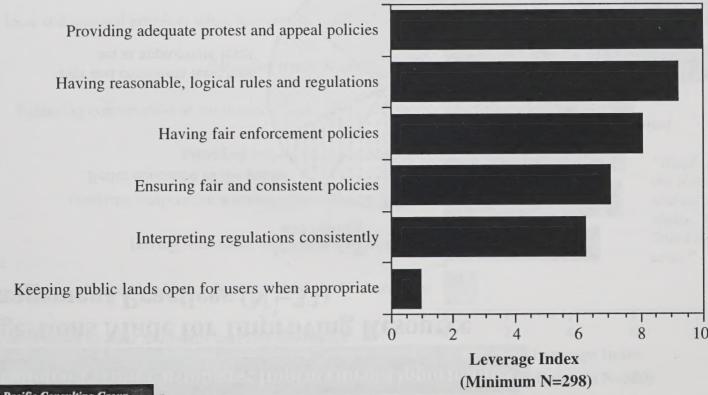


Effective management of multiple uses

Timely action on resource management

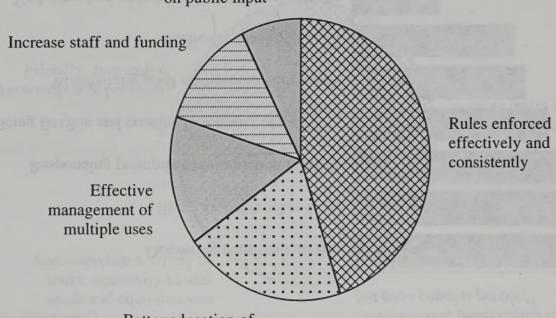
Rules, Regulations, and Policies

"Well-balanced, scientific analyses and uwer-provided input should be crucial in providing a fair regulatory agency."



Suggestions Made for Improving Rules, Regulations, and Policies (N =46)

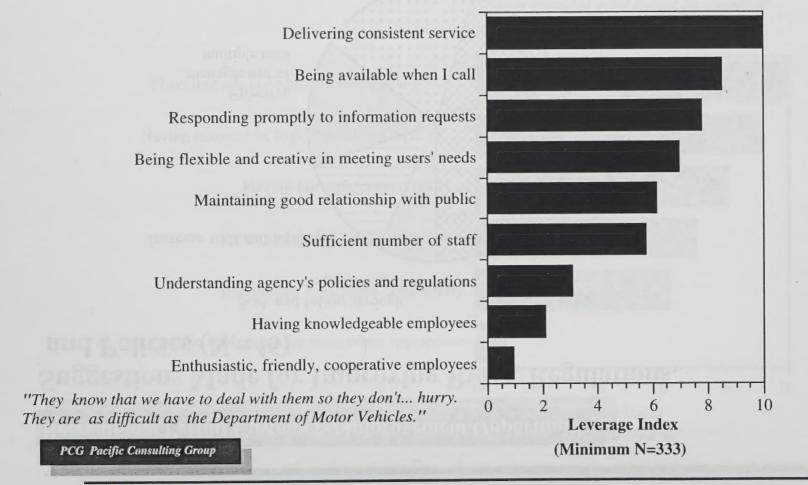
Seek and follow through on public input



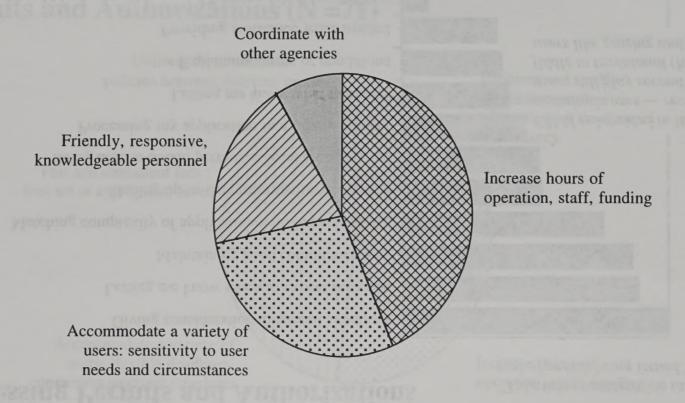
Better education of the public

Service Delivery

"Overworked, understaffed local office, but good capable people."

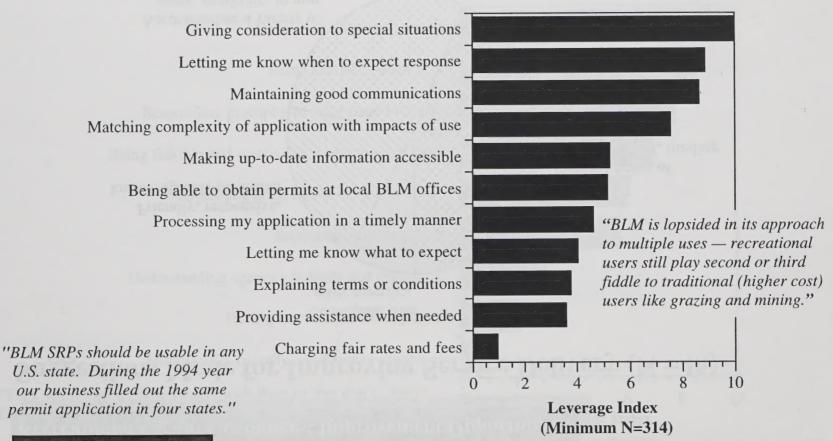


Suggestions Made for Improving Service Delivery (N = 46)

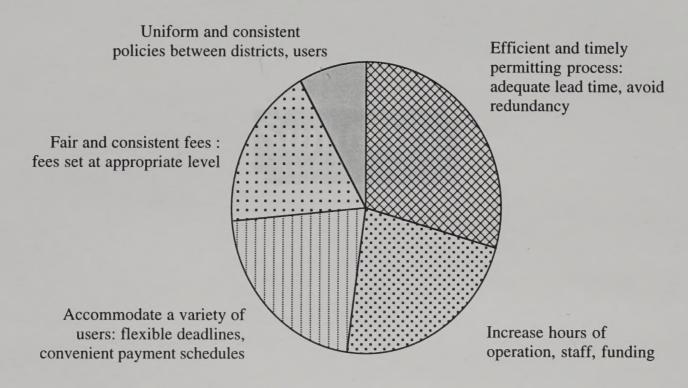


Processing Permits and Authorizations

"Take into consideration the type of permit being issued."



Suggestions Made for Improving Processing Permits and Authorizations (N = 71)



Summary

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Direct Customer Overall Mean Ratings and Top Two Leverage Arenas

Customer Segment	Mean Overall Satisfaction Rating (1 to 7 Scale)	Highest Leverage Arena	Second Highest Leverage Arena
Information Access Centers	6.1	Communicating With the Public	Information and Services Available
Recreational and Educational Centers	5.2	Rules, Regulations and Policies	Protection of Resources
Land Management Transactions	4.4	Rules, Regulations and Policies	Internal Management Practices
Right-of-Way Grants	5.0	Internal Management Practices	Rules, Regulations, and Policies
Oil and Gas Leases	4.0	Internal Management Practices	Rules, Regulations, and Policies
Mining Claim Recordation	4.4	Internal Management Practices	Communicating With the Public
Grazing Permits and Leases	5.1	Internal Management Practices	Rules, Regulations and Policies
Recreational Permits	4.2	Internal Management Practices	Communicating With the Public

